

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Questions

WHILE consideration of current European problems will dominate proceedings at Bermuda this week, it is more than likely that the question of Communist China's admission to the UN will provide a topic for discussion. This is a subject which has considerably affected the course of the present session of the United Nations General Assembly on such major issues as Korea and world disarmament. Moreover, Russia knows that the agreement between the United States and her major allies on their approach to the Red China problem is based to a large extent on temporary commitments. She also knows that the so-called neutral nations of Asia believe the seating of Peking's representatives in the UN would go a long way to break many existing deadlocks. Thus Russia continues to make the claim that with Communist China in the UN everything would be very much happier and progress could be made in the direction of stabilising international relations. Before the current General Assembly session opened Britain, which agrees with the United States that China should not yet enter the UN, committed herself to a postponement of any Assembly debate on this question, while Russia, of course, urged for Peking's immediate admission.

THE attitudes of the major powers automatically pose queries. One, for example, is how sincere is Russia in pressing for Red China's representation in the UN. It has been suggested in Washington that Russian pressure will dwindle as Peking's chances become stronger. On the other hand, if Russia is sincere, does this mean that Communist representation is to be the price of a full Korean settlement? And to what extent may this affect the proposed Four Power foreign ministers' meeting? In this connection Britain's position assumes importance. She is particularly interested in a Big Four conference and she visualises the eventual admission of Red China into UN. She must therefore consider how these two contingencies relate to her agreement to postpone the issue of Communist representation until next year. It is hard to see how these questions can be avoided at the Bermuda conference.

National Unionists Win Sudan Elections

NEW TIES WITH EGYPT ASSURED

Voters Reject Full Independence

Cairo, Nov. 29. The National Unionist Party, which stands for union with Egypt, has won the Sudan elections. Latest results available here tonight showed they already had 51 seats in the 97-member House of Representatives, giving them a majority over all other parties.

The election in the million-square-mile territory, which has been going on for a month, was mainly a fight between the National Unionist Party, led by Sayed Sir Ali el Mirghani, and the Umma Party, which stands for complete independence, led by Sayed Sir Abdel Rahman el Mahdi.

The issue ultimately at stake in the election is some form of union with Egypt, or complete independence. The agreement reached on February 12 this year, between Britain and Egypt, who since 1899 have jointly ruled the Sudan, provided for the elections and for a new Constitution.

Cairo Radio, announcing results every half hour, hailed the outcome as a "brilliant victory."

Of the 51 National Unionist seats, 39 were won in the North and 12 in the South. Cairo Radio said that the Umma Party, which stands for independence from Egypt and Britain, had won 17 seats. The Socialist Republicans had won three, the Independents three and the Southern parties nine. The Socialist Republicans stand for an independent Sudanese Republic.

The Sudan's lower house—House of Representatives—will represent 92 constituencies. In 24 of them, mainly in the more backward southern Sudan, elections were unopposed. Voters chose members of the electoral colleges to elect Parliamentary representatives. Five members of the House of Representatives will sit for a graduates' constituency covering the whole country.

SEPARATE POLLING Polling is still going on for the Senate of 50 seats, 30 of which are elected. It is due to end on December 5. The elected members are chosen by local councils and other corporate organisations. The remaining 20 members will be nominated by the Governor-General of the Sudan in consultations with his Commission.

The new Parliament will not, under the Anglo-Egyptian agreement of February 12, take any immediate steps about Sudan's future. When the two chambers come into being there is to be a transitional period of not longer than three years, before a Constituent Assembly is elected and the Sudan makes its final choice. Revolution leaders described the Unionists' triumph as the projected "unity" between the two countries but also a victory for General Nguib's regime. President Nguib last night urged all Sudanese to unite "in face of imperialistic designs."

Without referring to Britain by name, he said: "The imperialists may claim that the Sudan is in danger and that he is responsible for its defence, as it lacks the means, or he may claim that the Sudan defence force is not (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 2)

DEATH OF BISHOP BARNES

Hurstpierpoint, Nov. 29. Dr Ernest William Barnes, a former Church of England bishop who rejected the virgin birth and Christ's miracles, died here today.

He was Bishop of Birmingham in the Industrial Midlands for 29 years until he retired in May because of ill health.

Dr Barnes, who openly preached sterilisation for the unfit, believed there was a scientific answer for practically everything and doubted Christ's bodily resurrection after his crucifixion.

Church leaders rebuked the bishop frequently calling him a pagan but failed to stop him preaching his "outrageous sermons."

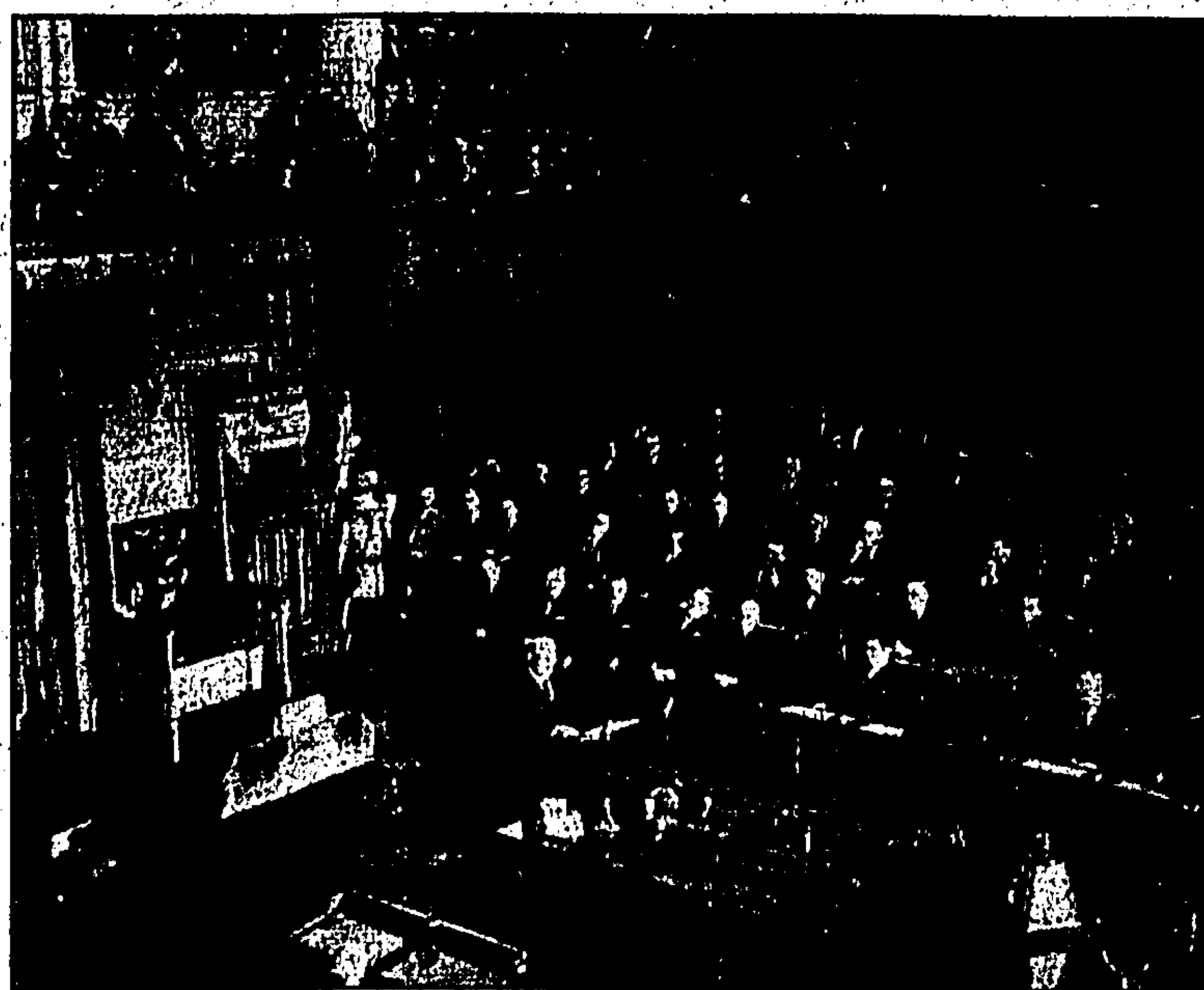
In 1947 the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, called on him publicly to resign.

"If his views were mine," said the primate, "I should not feel that I could still hold office in any Church."

Dr Barnes retorted: "Most certainly I shall not resign." But the Archbishop of Canterbury later paid warm tribute to the 79-year-old bishop at the 70th anniversary of his consecration of Canterbury.

"He has been the centre of much controversy and difficulty," Dr Fisher said, "but apart from his courtesy and kindness there lay a simple, profound faith in our Lord, which is rarely allowed to be seen."

As long ago as 1924 when he was appointed Bishop, Dr Barnes outspoken views aroused nation-wide argument.—Reuter.



Bevan's Condition For Further Anglo-US Co-operation

Cardiff, Nov. 29. Mr Aneurin Bevan, leftist leader in the Labour Party, demanded today that further co-operation between Britain and the United States should be made dependent upon the recognition of Communist China.

"The first major step toward settlement of the world's problems must be based on the recognition of the People's Government of China and the United States should be told that further co-operation between us and them is contingent upon that fact," he declared.

On Anglo-American relations in general Mr Bevan said they would be much better "if the American generals learned to shut up a little bit more."

"The people in Washington think all we do is protest and then tag along at the end, Anglo-American relationships would benefit from a little straight talking," Mr Bevan declared to an audience of 2,000 people in a local cinema.

Referring to the need for American generals to learn to "shut up a little bit more," he added: "They ought to have learned that by now because they have been almost invariably wrong."

Referring to East-West relations, he said: "There are elements inside Great Britain in the United States who seem to have a vested interest in keeping up the bogeyman theory of the Soviet Union."

"If the Russians don't co-operate we say it is impossible to deal with them. If the Russians are reasonable we say that is a trap."

"This is not the language of diplomacy. It is the language of psychosis," Mr Bevan said.

CHANGES IN RUSSIA Recalling the recent exchange of notes by the Western powers and the Soviet Union, he said people had developed an almost vested interest in their own errors and were unable to adjust themselves to new situations as the country drifted nearer to disaster.

In the last two or three years he and others had been trying to point out that changes were taking place inside the Soviet Union to which the Western world ought to pay increasing attention.

"Two years ago I told the House of Commons—and I have been saying it ever since—that the estimate which had been formed by Western statesmen and especially by military leaders as to what was happening inside the Soviet Union was erroneous and that our international strategy would be disastrous if we based it on that miscalculation."

"I am glad to say the truth of that is being recognised. Even Sir Winston Churchill has now almost universally acclaim by making the speech

Eisenhower Addresses Canadian Parliament

General view of the scene in the Canadian House of Commons on November 14 as President Eisenhower addressed a packed house during his official visit to Ottawa.

Arrested For Attending Meeting

Johannesburg, Nov. 29. Three Africans were arrested today under the Suppression of Communism Act for attending a meeting in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg.

The significance of the arrest is that in one case the arrested man had been banned under the same act from attending any gatherings and was convicted under the act in 1952. The appeal court in Bloemfontein last week set aside the conviction of another African under the act, ruling that he had the right to answer accusations made against him by the Minister of Justice. On the basis of this ruling it was assumed that all similar cases would fall away and the ban would be inoperative.

The man arrested today was Hosen Seperepere, who was a former member of the African National Congress.

Lawyers are still studying the effect of the appeal court judgment in its relation to other cases.—France-Press.

Communists' Proposal

Franzmueller, Nov. 30. The Communists, in a counter-proposal here today, proposed that a Korean political conference convene on December 28 at New Delhi.

Against the insistence of the chief United Nations delegate, Mr Arthur Dean, the Communists again proposed that Russia attend as a neutral together with India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Burma. The Communist new plan followed Mr Dean's proposal on Saturday that Russia attend as a participant and that neutrals be invited in an observer status.—Reuter.

DEATH OF SIR BENEGAL RAU

Zurich, Nov. 30. Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the Indian statesman, died here this morning at the age of 86. Sir Benegal entered a Zurich clinic some time ago for treatment for a serious abdominal and intestinal complaint.—Reuter.

Verbal Clashes Expected In UN Today

New York, Nov. 30. Three important debates, with clashes between Russia and the West, are expected to be heard in the United Nations today (Monday).

In a plenary session of the General Assembly Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, chief United States delegate, will open the debate on charges accusing the Communists in Korea of atrocities against 20,815 soldiers and civilians.

Immediately before the "atrocities" debate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, will reintroduce the already rejected Russian demands for a ban on atomic and hydrogen bombs in a continuation of yesterday's debate on disarmament.

In the Social and Humanitarian Committee, representatives of Germany, Japan and Italy are expected to take part in a discussion on the fate of prisoners of the 1939-45 war who are alleged to be still in Soviet hands.

The three countries have asked to take part in the discussion, although they are not members of the United Nations. They will not have the right to vote.

Dr Walter Hallstein, Under-Secretary of State in the Bonn Government, is expected to attend for Germany; Mr Renzo Savada for Japan and Signor Gastone Guidotti for Italy. Both the latter are permanent observers at the United Nations. A group of Latin American nations has also asked for an invitation to take part in the Committee's discussions.

DELEGATES' FEAR The biggest East-West clash is expected in the debate on the atrocities charges in the General Assembly. Many Allied delegates fear the debate will become a prolonged "slanging match" of charges and counter charges, with Russia accusing the South Koreans and the United Nations forces of atrocities against Communist prisoners.

The United States will be joined by Britain, France, Australia and Turkey in submitting a resolution asking the Assembly to condemn the alleged atrocities. This would amount to an endorsement of the American charges. Mr Lodge will base his accusations on a report issued by his delegation on Saturday claiming that 1,622 United Nations military personnel, 12,844 civilians and 839 "unknowns" were the victims of Communist atrocities in Korea.

The report accused the North Koreans and Chinese of shooting down prisoners in cold blood after they had ordered them to sit down to await a meal of burning prisoners in a prison and of beating others to death. In the Assembly's disarmament debate, at the start of today's session, Mr Vyshinsky is to couple his demand for a ban on atomic weapons with a proposal for a one-third reduction of armed forces by the Great

Powers, the elimination of overseas bases and condemnation of war propaganda. These proposals were recently rejected by the Political Committee when Russia introduced them under the heading "Measures to avert the threat of a new world war and to reduce tension in international relations."—China Mail Special.

Famous Film Producer Dies In Plane

Shannon, Nov. 29. The well-known New York film executive, Joseph Burnstein, was today found dead in his seat in a New York - Paris Constellation airliner.

The discovery of Burnstein's death was made just before the plane landed here and, at the request of the Irish police, who found certain tablets on Burnstein, a post-mortem examination will be carried out by the State Pathologist.

The 64-year-old film distributor was well-known for bringing Italian films into the United States, on his way to Rome at the time of his death.

INQUEST TODAY His body was immediately removed from the plane by police and medically examined. Local doctors, after the examination, requested an autopsy. An inquest will be opened tomorrow.

Police held up the flight of the Constellation for four hours while making enquiries. Burnstein's body is being kept in a transit shed at the airport, pending the post-mortem examination and is likely to be returned to New York. Listed as residing at 31, West 88th Street in New York City, Burnstein gave America such famous Italian films as "Carmen City," "Bicycle Thieves" and the "Miracle." He was of Polish origin.—France-Press.

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Tribute To The Prime Minister On His 79th Birthday Today

Photo Engravers Stop Six Major New York Papers

New York, Nov. 29.

A strike by 400 photo engravers against six major New York newspapers kept 20,000 workers idle for the second day today and negotiators were silent on prospects for an early end to the work stoppage.

Representatives of the New York Publishers Association, the AFL International Photo Engravers Union and the Federal Mediation Service all reported that the situation had not changed since the workers shut down the newspapers at 7 a.m. yesterday rather than submit their demands to arbitration.

Japanese Made Glass Teeth

Tokyo, Nov. 29.

Professor Teikoku Sueno of the Tokyo Dental College claimed he can make teeth of silicate glass cheaper, stronger, harder, and easier to manufacture than those of other materials.

Dr. Sueno gave details of his invention in a paper read to the Japan Dental Science Association in Osaka.

Because of a comparatively low expansion rate, glass teeth can be fitted to metal for reinforcement, he said.

They will withstand sudden changes of temperature and will not crack when coming into contact with ice water or extremely hot food.

They are easy to dye in any colour. — China Mail Special.

S.A. LABOUR PARTY RESOLUTION

Johannesburg, Nov. 29.

The national conference of the South African Labour Party at Durban today passed a resolution condemning the "undemocratic legislation of the Nationalist government."

It specified the government's attitude on trade unions and its refusal to grant passports to certain individuals. — Franco Presse.

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The papers, with a combined daily circulation of 5,100,000 and a Sunday circulation of 7,730,070, were picketed by members of the striking union. Other workers, both mechanical and editorial, refused to cross the picket lines. Only supervisory and non-union employees were at work, preparing copy for publication by strike-bound newspapers in the pages of the Herald Tribune, which was not hit by the stoppage.

The newspapers affected by the strike were the morning New York Times, Daily Mirror and Daily News and the afternoon World Telegram and Sun, Post and Journal-American.

HERALD TRIBUNE

The Herald Tribune was not affected because it employs no photo engravers. Its photo engraving is sent out to a commercial firm.

The strikers walked out to support demands for increases of \$15 a week in their present wages of \$120 to \$131 for working a 30 1/4-hour week.

The strike was called shortly after the publishers had offered to put the case before impartial arbitrators.

Idled by the walkout were pressmen, compositors, editorial employees and other workers. They included members of the AFL International Typographical Union and the CIO American Newspaper Guild.

Firms were unable to advertise in the daily newspapers because of the strike and Bachel and Company, a large Wall Street brokerage house, announced that it would keep stockholders informed about their securities in a series of financial newscasts on Station WOR, beginning tomorrow. — United Press.

Appeal For Return Of German Prisoners

New York, Nov. 29. — The West German Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Professor Walter Hallstein arrived here today by plane from Brussels.

He was invited by the United Nations General Assembly to attend as an observer the debate of the third commission of the Assembly on the liberation of German war prisoners still detained in Russia, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Prof. Hallstein said on arrival he would provide the commission with "exact figures" on the number of German prisoners still in those countries. He said these figures were "based on a close study of the problem, including thousands of interviews of German families who are positive that some of their members are still kept prisoners."

Prof. Hallstein, who will stay three days in New York, also said he would appeal to the United Nations to plead again with the governments of the three countries—Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia—for a prompt liberation of the POWs still detained. — Franco Presse.

London, Nov. 30. Forty people ranging from the President of the United States to a British plain-clothes detective have been brought together as co-authors of a new work on the life and personality of Sir Winston Churchill.

Many of the contributors are famous. A few are not so well-known publicly, but they, too, happen to be knowledgeable on at least one aspect of the Prime Minister's multi-faceted character.

Finding a new angle for a major work about Sir Winston Churchill presents a formidable challenge to ingenuity after the millions of words that have already been written.

But certainly a fresh formula exists in "Churchill," by his contemporary, published at 25/- by Hutchinson and Company and edited by Mr. Charles Eade, who is editor of one of Britain's national Sunday newspapers. Its issue coincides with the Prime Minister's 79th birthday today.

The book endeavours to portray most of the facets of Churchill, who over the years have made the composite picture of the man now acknowledged as the greatest Englishman of modern times.

It ranges from Churchill the schoolboy to Churchill the soldier, the war correspondent, the parliamentarian, the novelist, the world statesman, the talker, the artist, the humorist, the sportsman and the philosopher.

It is consistent with the Prime Minister's character that as a boy at the famous public school of Harrow he earned the reputation of being a holy terror.

On the testimony of Sir Woods Wollstone, who was at school with him and wrote this chapter: "He consistently broke almost every rule made by masters or boys, was quite incorrigible, and had an unlimited vocabulary of back-chat, which he produced with dauntless courage on every occasion of remonstrance."

FUTURE MINISTER

Churchill—as he recalls himself—distinguished himself in his first term by pushing a small boy into the swimming pool. The boy was a sixth former whose diminutive size belied his prodigious strength and prowess as champion gymnast and he "rebelled vigorously."

He was Leopold Amery, who, more than half a century later (and still very small of stature) became a member of Sir Winston Churchill's War Cabinet, and Secretary of State for India.

But it was Nugent Hicks, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, who as Head-Boy of the school had what was probably the pleasure of giving Churchill periodic official wallopings for lapses from grace.

After receiving his first caning Churchill said to Hicks: "I shall be a greater man than you," to which Hicks promptly replied: "You can take two more for that!"—and administered them.

The Headmaster of Harrow, Dr. Weidson, admitted Churchill to the school although at the entrance examination he returned a blank sheet of paper on Latin prose, having, after two hours' rumination, been unable to answer a single question.

AVERSION TO LATIN

"He never rose very far in the school," the author says, adding that Churchill had an aversion to Latin and either could not or would not learn it.

But while still in the bottom form he gained a prize for reciting 1,200 lines of Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome" without a mistake. Such was his prodigious memory that he could quote whole sections from Shakespeare's plays "and had no hesitation in correcting his masters if they misquoted."

Lieutenant-General H. G. Martin, writing on Churchill's army career says it was in Cuba that the Prime Minister acquired the sly habit that has lasted through his life and has become one of the sources of his staying power.

What is it like to be the Prime Minister's secretary? Mrs. Mary G. Thompson, who as Miss

Mary Shearnburn occupied that post in wartime, and subsequently married Detective-Inspector W. H. Thompson, Sir Winston Churchill's personal bodyguard, gives some of the answers.

"Idiosyncrasies which in more ordinary men are petty and annoying seem in a man of his stature to become acceptable and not a little amusing. He cannot tolerate paper clips of any sort, and he simply abominates pins," she says, describing how he uses green tags pushed through punched holes in his manuscripts. And he always works with stylo style pens.

PET NAME

He has a pet name for paper-punches—"Klop," presumably from the noise they make in action.

How does the majestic language of his speeches sound to the secretary who is engaged in the mechanical process of making them down?

Here is what Mrs. Thompson says: "When dictating a speech he will walk up and down the room deep in thought, murmuring and muttering to himself, while the uninitiated strains her ears to catch the almost inaudible words."

"When he is satisfied he has found the right words he will raise his voice and, at times, almost declaim his choice. He is such a great master of English that more than once I have found it difficult to keep my voice steady when asked to read back a particularly moving passage."

Mrs. Thompson says she supposes that in some ways the Prime Minister was a hard taskmaster, but it was only because his own standards were so high. "No job afterwards could be anything but tame," she says.

Detective-Inspector Thompson admires Churchill's fearlessness, but feels that during the Second World War he carried it a little too far.

WATCHED BOMBING

He says: "Time after time he would remain at Downing Street till well after the alert had sounded and bombs were dropping. He would then come out and the two of us, with steel helmets on, would walk round St. James' Park before going into the Downing Street annexe, which was an exceedingly strong building. Later he discovered the annexe roof was flat, so he walked on it on many occasions to watch the bombing of London. If he saw a fire within reasonable distance he would sometimes say, 'We will go over there'."

Whistling annoys the Prime Minister and according to Mr. Thompson he was much irritated by it in the war. Once in Downing Street he told a newspaper boy, "Stop that whistling!"

"Why?" retorted the boy. "Because I don't like it—it's a horrible noise," Churchill said firmly.

The boy retorted: "You can shut your ears, can't you?" The amused Prime Minister, as much as he surprised him. As he walked on he chuckled to himself and kept repeating the boy's parting salutation.

Mr. Thompson reveals that probably the most dangerous wartime trip the Prime Minister made was to Athens at Christmas 1944. "Hidden snipers made several attempts on members of the British delegation and on one occasion there was firing as the Prime Minister stepped from his car." — China Mail Special.

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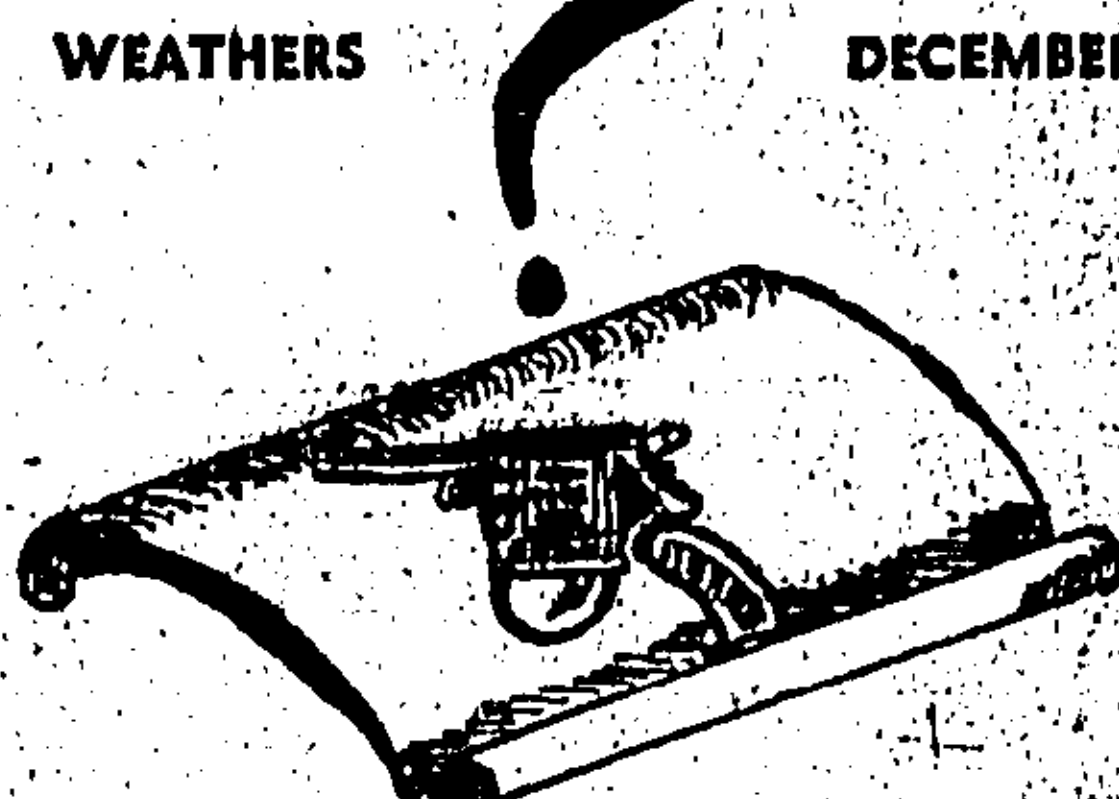
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Russian Approach No.1 Item On The Bermuda Talks

One Vehicle To 13 Inhabitants

Berno, Nov. 30. Switzerland, one of the most motorised nations in the world, has one motor vehicle for every 13 inhabitants, the Federal Bureau of Statistics said here.

One in eight of every person over 16 has a motor vehicle.

Last July 412,000 motor vehicles were registered not counting tractors and military machines. Of these 202,000 were private cars, 52,500 motor scooters and 35,000 bicycles with auxiliary motors.—Reuter.

Salute For Queen At Cristobal

Cristobal, Nov. 29. United States military planes flew overhead as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived here today.

The escort cruiser Sheffield fired a national 21-gun salute to the United States territory and the boom of her guns across the water was answered by guns returning the salute from Fort Desceps.

Ships in the harbour sounded sirens as the Gothic and the Sheffield, dressed all over, moved slowly towards the pier.

A guard of honour was drawn up at the pier.

After receiving aboard the Gothic the American Governor of the canal zone, Brigadier-General J.S. Seybold, and the Panamanian President, Colonel Jose Remon, the Queen and the Duke will drive to the boundary of the canal zone and receive the key to the city of Colon.

Then the Royal couple will have a two-hour drive across the isthmus with a half-hour visit to the Miraflores lock of the canal.

ATTEND A LUNCH

At noon local time they will attend a lunch on Balboa Heights given by Brigadier-General Seybold followed by a reception to the canal by military and civilian officials.

The Royal couple will return to the Gothic at 3 p.m. at Pedro Miguel locks.

They will attend a church service aboard the liner as she completes her passage through the canal.

After their arrival at Balboa at 6 p.m., the Queen and the Duke will drive out of the canal zone through Panama City for a British Embassy reception, returning to Panama City for a banquet at the Presidential Palace at 8.50 p.m.

At the banquet the Queen will present President Remon with the Order of the British Empire and receive from him a Panamanian decoration.

They will sleep aboard the Gothic until the liner sails tomorrow at 7 a.m. local time.—Reuter.

Washington, Nov. 29. The Soviet Union, which has nothing to do, in a formal way, with the forthcoming Bermuda conference, this week abruptly put an end to speculation about the main subject of discussion of the Big Three Western chiefs of government, who assemble on the Atlantic island next week-end.

It is conceded that Item No. 1 on the informal Bermuda agenda will be a measure or measures to counter the Russians' latest surprising move in cold war strategy.

A wide-ranging Soviet note, obscurely phrased as usual, was handed unexpectedly to the British, French and American envoys in Moscow on Wednesday. It had the effect of un- latching a door which most Western officials believed had been slammed shut and locked only three weeks previously.

Characteristically, the November 25 note did not throw open the diplomatic door and disclose Malenkov or Molotov standing ready with outstretched hand to sit down to serious negotiation on cold-war problems.

Instead, the portal was left ajar just enough to arouse interest and curiosity as to whether there is really anything behind it.

With Western Europeans as anxious as ever to attain some kind of abatement of East-West tension, it is virtually a foregone conclusion that President Eisenhower, Premier Joseph Laniel and Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, after consulting at Bermuda, will instruct their Foreign Ministers to find out what the Kremlin is up to this time.

But there may be sharp differences of opinion among them as to how the task should be carried out.

Mr. Eisenhower, disenchanted by the familiar record of Russian stalling and mindful of popular impatience in this country with indecisive attitudes in Western Europe, is likely to urge that the Kremlin be invited partly to show its hand or to drop the subject.

STILL INTERESTED

Sir Winston Churchill, still interested in the possibilities of attaining a general cold war "truce" by face-to-face negotiations, may favour a more agreeable response.

M. Laniel, balancing his desire to obtain a decision on the European Army in France against the obvious desire of Frenchmen to tone down the East-West controversy, is in a less predictable position, according to diplomatic observers here.—United Press.

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Washington, Nov. 29. The American production of military aircraft which is now about 1,000 units a month, has reached its maximum, Dewitt C. Ramsey, president of the U.S. Aircraft Industries Association, said here today.

In an article published by the newspaper, Planes, specialised organ of the American aircraft industry, Ramsey said the government should blueprint a detailed national aircraft construction policy. He said that from next year on production would be on the decrease, and he added that without a powerful and flexible aircraft production, national security could be endangered.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to meet this danger, Ramsey recommended the establishment of a serious programme of aircraft research and development, and of a production rhythm sufficient to allow the American aircraft industry to retain its engineers and experts teams.

In the same issue Planes indicated that the American production of civilian planes was only 13 a day. Since the end of the war American factories had produced two civilian planes for every military, 75,000 against 37,707.

Since 1950, added the paper, more than 4,000 military planes were sent to America's allies.—France-Press.

On cold-war problems. Instead, the portal was left ajar just enough to arouse interest and curiosity as to whether there is really anything behind it.

With Western Europeans as anxious as ever to attain some kind of abatement of East-West tension, it is virtually a foregone conclusion that President Eisenhower, Premier Joseph Laniel and Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, after consulting at Bermuda, will instruct their Foreign Ministers to find out what the Kremlin is up to this time.

But there may be sharp differences of opinion among them as to how the task should be carried out.

Mr. Eisenhower, disenchanted by the familiar record of Russian stalling and mindful of popular impatience in this country with indecisive attitudes in Western Europe, is likely to urge that the Kremlin be invited partly to show its hand or to drop the subject.

STILL INTERESTED

Sir Winston Churchill, still interested in the possibilities of attaining a general cold war "truce" by face-to-face negotiations, may favour a more agreeable response.

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**M. Laniel
In Strong
Position**

Paris, Nov. 30. M. Joseph Laniel, French Prime Minister, and M. Georges Bidault, his Foreign Minister, will be leaving for Bermuda on Wednesday, December 2, confident of being able to play a strong hand at the three-power talks.

A refusal to accept the Russian offer to meet and talk about everything is regarded in Paris as unlikable.

The main issue at Bermuda therefore becomes for the French the preparation of these four-power talks and on this point M. Laniel considers that the French have a valuable role in arbitrating differences of approach between London and Washington.

M. Laniel has just consolidated his Parliamentary position with last Friday's vote of confidence on foreign policy, which amounted to a setback for the Western Army Treaty but certainly an endorsement for talking with the Russians.

Furthermore M. Laniel will press the Western Allies to agree to the five power meeting the Russians want to discuss problems in Asia.

CHIEF POLICY

Behind all this lies the chief French foreign policy objective—to bring about an end to the fighting in Indo-China.

On this issue M. Laniel can count on an almost unanimous Assembly.

He will therefore be in a strong position of Bermuda.

M. Laniel will also bring up the question of maintaining British and American troops on the continent at least for the remaining 17 years of the North Atlantic Pact.

With or without E.D.C. the French consider this an essential element for the reinforcement of the Atlantic Alliance which, as M. Bidault repeated in the Assembly on Friday, is the cornerstone of French foreign policy.

The prospect of getting this promise out of France's American and British allies are on the other hand not regarded with great hopes here.

It is believed that quite recently the French Ambassador in London warned the Foreign Affairs Ministry there not to consent to this request unless the Americans also agreed, and American agreement is regarded as difficult to obtain.—Reuter.

Mr Attlee Heads Procession



Mr Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, with the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater, heads the procession to luncheon at the Mansion House after he had received the Freedom of the City of London at the neighbouring Guildhall. From front to back—Mr Clement Attlee and the Lord Mayor, Sir Noel Bowater; the Lady Mayoress and Mrs Attlee; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher; and Sir Winston Churchill, Premier.—Reuterphoto.

Ho Chi-Minh Offer Meets With A Cautious Reception

Paris, Nov. 29. Leading French political figures today warned the French nation, deeply involved since 1946 in a seemingly ceaseless struggle against the Communist rebels in Indo-China, to exercise vigilance and caution over the offer of the Viet-minh leader, Ho Chi-minh, to negotiate with the French to bring an end to the fighting.

The French leaders were commenting on an indirect interview obtained with Ho Chi-minh by the Swedish journalist, Svante Loegren, and published in his newspaper, the Liberal Expressen.

Ho was quoted by the newspaper as stating that he was prepared to negotiate with the French provided hostilities were suspended and Vietnam's independence recognised.

The former Minister for the Associated States, M. Jean Letourneau, said that the interview might prove to be "only a source of new disappointment for our boys in the Expeditionary Corps and their families."

M. Letourneau expressed concern over the circumstances under which the interview with the Expressen was published as well as with its tone.

The former Minister said that, "if an offer of real peace proved to lie behind this apparent propaganda manoeuvre—a peace compatible with freedom for the peoples concerned and the security of those who are dear to us—then our joy would be truly great."

M. Moch, who is now a French delegate to the United Nations, said France should respond with resolution—"but also with prudence." He said that one of the conditions set forth by Ho Chi-minh—Independence for Vietnam—had already been fulfilled, but that certain reservations could be made with regard to the other offer—to suspend hostilities.

OVERALL PATTERN

He also suggested, as an additional reservation, the participation of the Chief of the Vietnamese Stat., H.M. Bao Dai, in any negotiations and the protection of Vietnamese, who had fought with the French.

M. Moch said that the Ho Chi-minh interview appeared to be part of an overall pattern to ease tension in the world, which had been brought into relief by the recent Soviet attitude towards the East-West conference, and by Russian acceptance of a four-power foreign ministers' conference.

The former French Socialist Minister, M. Daniel Mayer, said that he looked upon the statements of Ho Chi-minh as forming part of the same pattern as the recent Soviet acceptance of a four-power foreign ministers' conference. He added that this might indicate the beginning of a relaxation of tension. Both "vigilance and hope" were called for, he said.

**NIXON IN
MADRAS**

Madras, Nov. 29. United States Vice-President Richard Nixon arriving here today from Colombo, expressed his confidence that some means could be found to reach a general agreement among the free nations to live in a peaceful world.

Vice-President Nixon emphasized the underlying unity of India and the United States and said there was a "well of friendship" among the American people for the Indian people.

He added that it was the job of governments and leaders to see that this basic friendship between the two countries was developed further.

The U.S. Vice President stated that his visit to India and other Asian countries involved no diplomatic deal.—France-Press.

Protection For Temple

Lucknow, Nov. 30. State authorities are to plant trees in the snowy Himalayas to protect the ancient Badrinath temple from further damage by winter ice falls, it was announced.

The temple, 10,284 feet up in the hills, will also be protected from the corroding action of the River Alakhananda, one of the principal tributaries of the Ganges, by a new solid wall.

Dating back to earliest historic times the temple is a shrine centre for pilgrims from all parts of India and Southeast Asia.—Reuter.

Councillor's Sit-Down Strike

Salzburg, Nov. 29. Salzburg Municipal Councillor Probst is conducting a one-man sit-down strike in the Municipal chamber here.

Councillor Probst "struck" suddenly at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and proposes to stay in his seat until midday Monday. The point of grievance is what he considers the exclusion of his "People's Party" representatives from the most important municipal jobs, despite the fact that the party gained one seat in the recent elections.

Salzburg's new Socialist mayor has replied by declaring a "blockade" against Probst, but this has not prevented him from being fed by his friends and interviewed by journalists.

Councillor Probst's action has been approved by the leaders of his party, which is that of Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab.

Salzburg is the capital of the American zone of Austria.—France-Press.

**Australian Labourers
Well Off**

Sydney, Nov. 29. The national secretary of the Australian Labourers' Union, R. J. Williams said today that the most badly off workers he had seen during the seven weeks' world tour were those in East Berlin.

He said the workers in the Soviet zone had to put in a certain amount of time weekly without pay.

Williams said that outside of America, Australian workers were better off than those in any other country he visited. He urged that Australia work out a workers' exchange scheme similar to that operating between America and the Netherlands.—France-Press.

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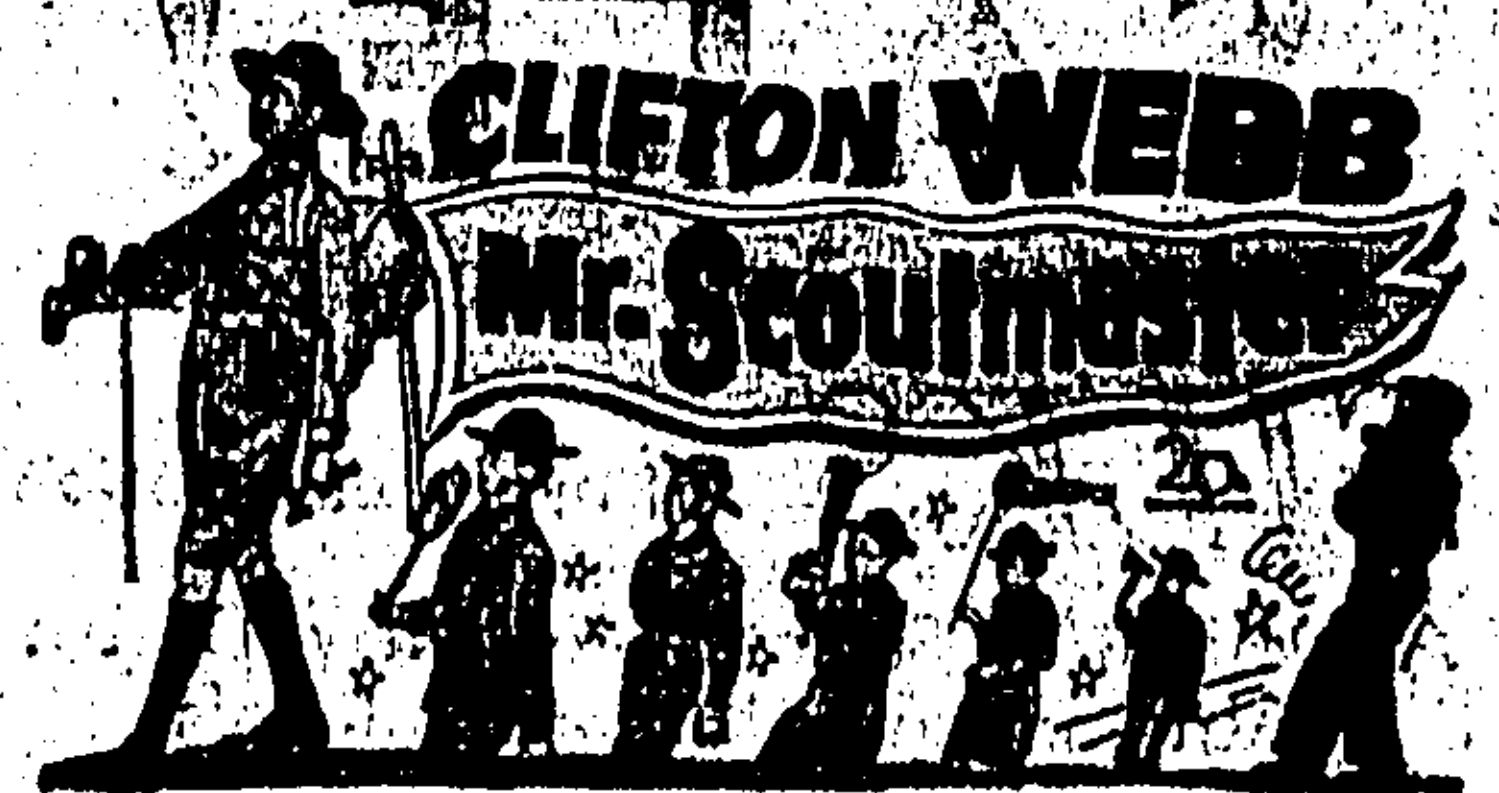
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Written, produced and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, "BLACK NARCISSUS" is an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's best-selling novel of the same name. Its colour is magnificent, its direction superb, its story world renowned.

"BLACK NARCISSUS" brings to the screen an emotional, dramatic and mysterious story of a group of Anglo-Catholic nuns who convert the Palace of Muz, a former-harem, in a little-known village in the Himalayas, into a convent.

The psychological effect of their strange and exotic environment on each of the Sisters makes a powerful study of Faith.

"BLACK NARCISSUS" was filmed with a cast of leading stars—Deborah Kerr, Jean Simmons, Kathleen Ryan, Sabu, David Farrar and Flora Robson. All give excellent performances.

Deborah Kerr as the young sister in charge, the gives a most intelligent study of a woman whose faith is tried when she finds herself torn between love of God and love of man.

Charming Jean Simmons, young and cute, who made her name as a child actress of great talent, has her first grown-up role, and her first leading man in "BLACK NARCISSUS." She appears opposite Sabu as Kanchi, an alluring little native girl.

Kathleen Ryan, who makes her mark as a great dramatic actress for interpretation of Sister Ruth, is the weakest of the five Sisters. She becomes mad as her fixation of love for Dean, and hatred of Clodagh develops.

Sabu, who years ago made his name overnight in "Elephant Boy," has his most colorful role as the bewitched young General, Dith Dal.

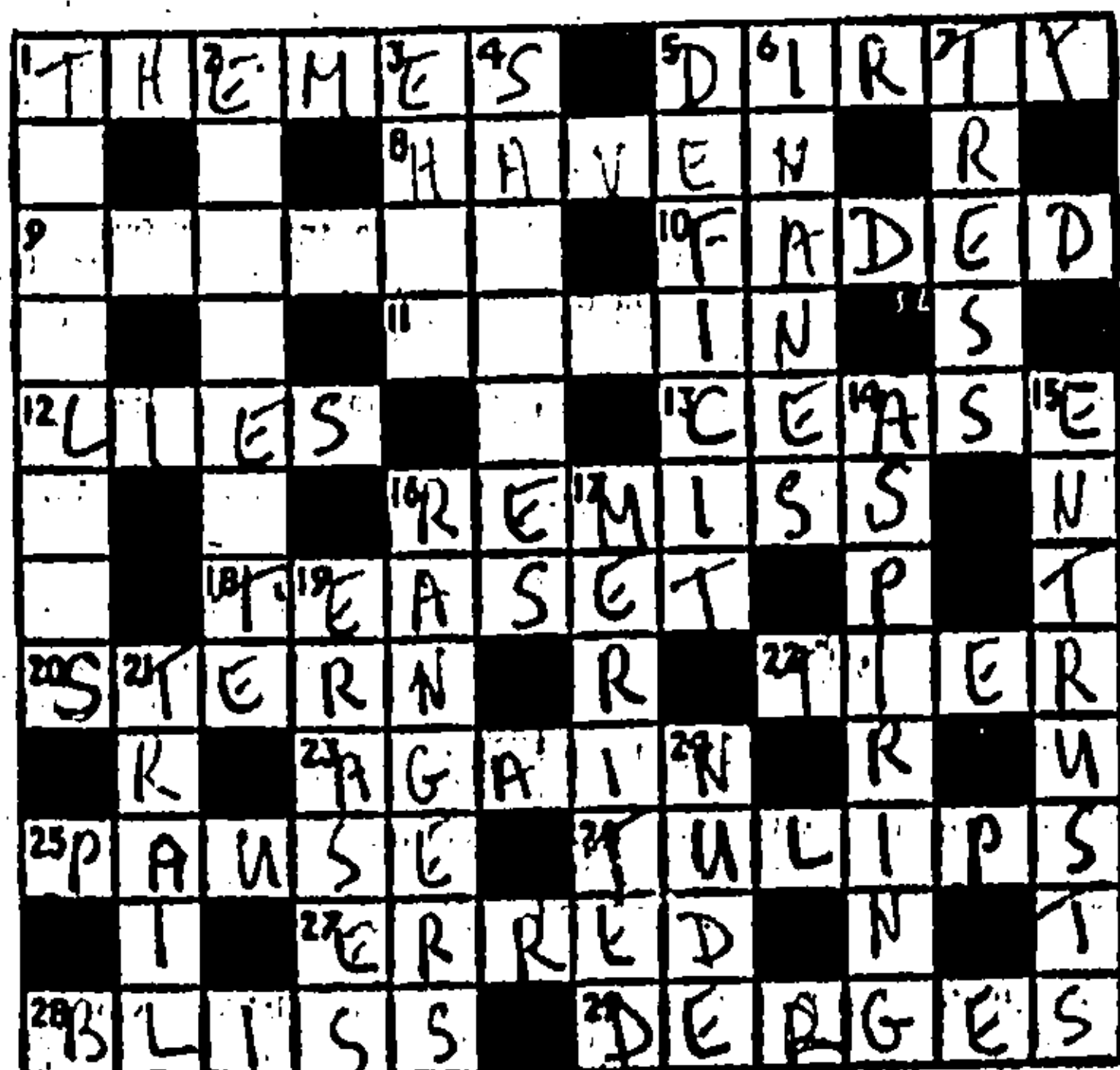
David Farrar, as the attractive, worldly-wise Mr. Dean, has a strong and provocative role as the one man in a world of women—women who are bound to their order by voluntary yearly vows.

Flora Robson, whose name is renowned for her excellent act as star of stage and screen, is cast as Sister Philomena.

This picture is highly recommended by this theatre for your cinema entertainment. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Management, PRINCESS THEATRE

A British Crossword Puzzle

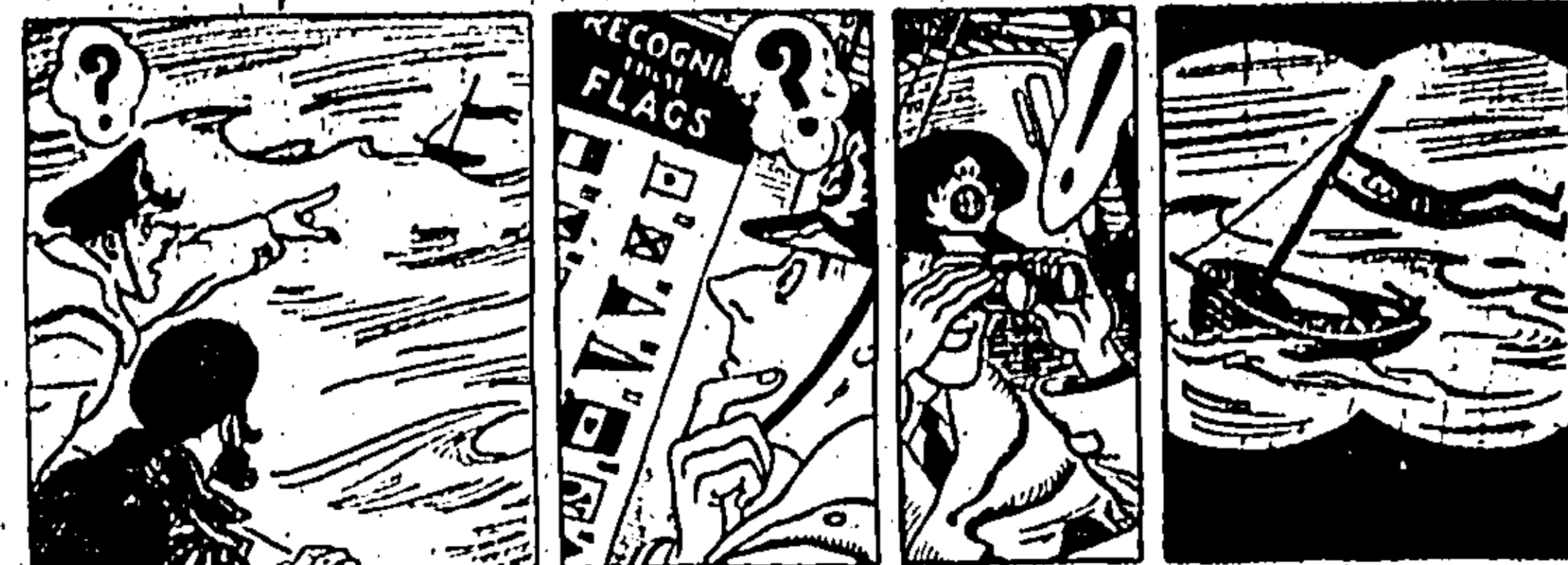


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 - Special aptitude (5).
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 - Stop (5).
 - Negligent (6).
 - Crocodiles (6).
 - Seymour (5).
 - Rare (4).
 - Once more (5).
 - Interval (5).
 - Flowers (6).
 - Went astray (5).
 - Ecstasy (6).
 - Condescend (6).
- DOWN**
- Acrobats (6).
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 - Cook (4).
 - Outbursts of wit (7).
 - Shortage (7).
 - Hardens (6).
 - Lock of hair (6).
 - Alarming high (6).
 - Commits to another (8).
 - Forest officers (7).
 - Earned (7).
 - Rubs out (6).
 - Track (6).
 - Naked (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Struts, 5. Shred, 8. Opal, 9. Reburn, 11. Angle, 12. Treaty, 14. Mew, 19. Noisy, 18. Lead, 20. Eaten, 21. Swamp, 25. Resist, 26. Edge, 27. Break, 28. Tied, 29. Down: 1. Spot, 2. Rest, 3. Tome, 4. Speaker, 5. Gilding, 6. Repeat, 7. Deceit, 10. Urges, 13. Blended, 14. Mince, 15. Stopped, 16. Gave, 17. Knew, 18. Rite, 23. Rite, 24. Stuck, 26. Stuck, 27. Stuck, 28. Stuck, 29. Stuck.

THE DUFFLE TWINS

by DODD



BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

ANY year now the interim report of the Fog Committee may be published. I can reveal that it will be sensational.

The Committee has already come to the conclusion, after hearing 1,764,231 expert witnesses, that the main cause of last year's disaster was pollution of the atmosphere by smoke and fog. And that these conditions could have been avoided by the use of a device called 'fog-busters' on health—particularly on the health of those already ill, who would possess smaller powers of resistance.

78 years non-stop flying

A POLITICIAN is so impressed with the safety of our airlines that he said the other day: "If a baby born on a scheduled airline could go on flying without landing he would be 78 before being statistically due for a fatal accident." Presumably the old bird had not died of boredom long ago, he would probably ask to be allowed to land on the day before his 78th birthday. Hotly questioned, he would reply, "I want to learn to walk before my statistical death falls due." He might even say, when still young, "I want to see what it's like to spend the rest of my life on the ground. It's possible, also, that statistical calculations are not

Nothing to do with me

"Fog-busters" really exist. It is illegal to slaughter horses in a public library. I suppose this was decided after the famous case of the man who made a list of books in the lee of a pile of catalogues, and cooked him a rabbit. The claim that it is the only place where you can slaughter horses quietly is rather nonsense. You might as well say that the only place where you can shoot elephants quietly is the waiting-room of a club. Even the most absent-minded scholar would surely notice that something unusual was going on.

"Clandon, surely there is a club rule against shooting elephants in the waiting-room?"

Our unenlightened Lovers

A COMPLAINT that "England is the only country except France where people are expected to carry their brains in their hands" ought to prick the conscience of the bachelors' shops. Could we not have a little more enlightenment in the way of the ladies' shops? In Spain, or the parous, hermetically sealed jars given to customers in Italy in ice-cream and gloves are hired out to customers who carry them home, and in Cuba a fine wine is wrapped round each loaf. In Turkey each loaf is encased in a thin layer of cement. Bulgarian bread can be bought only in chenevi shops, and is wrapped in wool saturated with chloromene.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hold Tongue, Play And Then Talk

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By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you find yourself in a contract that you don't particularly fancy, play the hand first and make your comments later. You cannot improve the contract by discussing it promptly, and there is the danger that you will give useful information to the opponents.

When today's hand was played, South ruffed the opening club lead and then delivered himself of the opinion that his partner was a first degree party-waist. "What sort of dynamite do I have to use, to get you to a slam?" he demanded.

Sighing heavily, South prepared to play the hand safe for 10 tricks. His plan was to cash both red aces and then cross-ruff the hand so as to make eight trump tricks.

When South led the ace of diamonds at the second trick, East dropped the king of diamonds. Geoffrey Mott-Smith held the East cards, and he tried this desperate false card since it was apparent that no ordinary play would stop the game in view of South's comment.

The appearance of the king of diamonds at the second trick induced declarer to change his mind. He had intended to settle for 10 tricks, but now he saw no reason to give up a "sure" 12 tricks.

South cashed the ace of hearts ruffed a low heart with dummy's ace of spades, and then drew four rounds of clubs discarding two low clubs from the dummy.

South then led a low diamond from his hand and finessed dummy's nine. That was the end. Mott-Smith took the ten of diamonds and four club tricks to set the contract two!

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Diamond Double

You, South, hold: Spades 9-5-3, Hearts K-6-3, Diamonds Q-5-2, Clubs Q-7-6-4. What do you do?

A—Pass. You are not alarmed about this hand, but you have no interest in the hand unless your partner can take further independent action. Even if East had not doubled, you were not going to be very energetic about this hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-5-3, Hearts K-J-3, Diamonds Q-5-2, Clubs Q-7-6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS



White: 4 pieces.
While to play, make in three.
Solution: 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

HEARTY DESSERT SPECIALS FOR COOL WEATHER

By ALICE DENHOFF

HEARTIER meals are in order once more, right from first course to dessert. So here are some delicious desserts starting with a special.

Creole Chess Pie

Beat together until fluffy 1/4 c. butter, one c. sugar and 3 eggs. Add 1/2 tsp. each nutmeg and cinnamon, 2 tsp. vinegar, 1 c. each dates and raisins, both cut fine, and 1/2 c. grated coconut.

Turn into pastry-lined pan and bake at 425° F. 45 to 55 minutes.

Butterscotch Pie next. Caramelize on low heat 1/2 c. sugar. Add 1/4 c. cold water and 4 tsp. butter. Allow to dis-

solve. Scald 1 1/4 c. milk, and add to caramel mixture. Beat and add 3 egg yolks. Add one c. brown sugar, 1/2 c. cornstarch, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 c. cold milk. Add mixture to hot milk; cook until thickened, stirring constantly.

Meringue Topping

Pour into baked pie shell; cover with meringue. Bake at 325° F. for 10 to 15 minutes.

A steamed chocolate pudding should be popular with the youngsters any time.

To serve 6, melt at low heat 2 1/2 squares chocolate. Add 1 1/2 tsp. butter and 3/4 c. sugar. Mix well and add one egg, beating thoroughly.

Sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 2 1/4 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add alternately with 3/4 c. milk. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Steam in buttered pudding pan for an hour.

Cracker Pudding

To serve Grandmother's Old-fashioned Cracker Pudding to 6, pour 1 1/2 c. scalded milk over 3 large sea crackers. Cover and let stand until cold.

Combine 1/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon. Add to milk and cracker mixture. Add 1/2 c. each raisins and cream, 2 well-beaten eggs, 1 tsp. butter, melted, and 1/4 tsp. vanilla.

Turn into buttered baking dish. Place dish in pan of hot water, and bake at 300° F. for 1 1/2 hours. Cool. Serve plain or with cream.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Boat for Glive, the Snail

—It's Made of a Leaf, Rowed by Caterpillars—

By MAX REEL

GLIVE, the Snail, came gliding up to Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name who was sitting on a rock. "Pardon me, Knarf," said Glive, "could you do me a little favour?"

"Certainly," said Knarf. He was very fond of Glive. "I'll be glad to do you any favour you want, if I'm able to do it," he said.

"Of course," said Glive. "I wouldn't expect you to do me a favour that you weren't able to do. But this won't be a hard favour for you though it's an extremely hard favour for me." Glive, the Snail, now explained what his favour was.

Glive's Request

"I'd like very much, Knarf, to get to the other side of the brook. There's no bridge across and the water is too deep for me to swim. I'm a land-snail, as you know. Some of my cousins live in the water. They wouldn't have any trouble at all getting from one side to the other. But I don't know how I can possibly manage it."

"It's a pretty wide brook," said Knarf. "And the water is

pretty deep for me, too. Otherwise I'd carry you across."

"No," said Glive. "I guess you can't carry me across."

"Oh," said Knarf, suddenly. "I have an idea! How would you like to sail across?"

"That would be fine," said Glive. "Only where will you find a boat?"

A Leaf-Boat

Knarf put Glive in the middle of the leaf. "Fine!" said Glive. "This is wonderful! I won't have any trouble at all sailing to the other side. Let go of the leaf!"

Knarf was just about to do so when he thought of something else. "You won't be able to steer this boat," he said to Glive. "Instead of going to the other side, it will float all the way down the brook."

"That's right," said Glive. "I'm glad you thought of that. What can I do now?"

Knarf thought for a minute or two. Then he said: "I know just what to do!"

He looked around until he found a grasshopper who wasn't doing anything. He explained to the grasshopper: "My friend Glive, the Snail, wants to get to the other side of the brook. I put him on a maple-leaf-boat but he can't steer it because the boat has no rudder. Will you get on the boat with him and steer it to the other side?"

A Rudder Needed

"How can I do that?" asked the grasshopper. "I'm not a rudder."

"Just stick one foot in the water," said Knarf. "Move it from side to side and you'll be able to steer the boat."

So finally the grasshopper agreed to steer the boat to the other side of the brook.

Glive's Request

Knarf was about to let go of the leaf again, when he thought of something else. "The grasshopper's rowed with his leg. Glive stood in the middle of the boat and shouted directions like a captain."

And Knarf, standing on the edge of the brook, watched the strange boat with its strange passengers sail slowly across until it safely reached the other side.

"Thank you!" Glive shouted back. "Thank you for your wonderful favour!"



Knarf looked around, and found a maple leaf.

stretched out on each side of the leaf with four of their feet in the water.

And now Knarf let the maple-leaf-boat go. The two caterpillars rowed with their feet.

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CLEAN AND SURE HANDLING HELPS PANDAS UPSET THE CHAMPION WAHOOS

By "SNOOPER"

Pearl Chan's up-and-coming Pandas, who suffered their heaviest 21-0 defeat against Terry Noronha's champion Wahoos in the first encounter between the two teams this season, gained their revenge by winning yesterday's return game by 4 runs to 3 in one of the major upsets of the week-end's softball at King's Park. The other sensational upset was caused by the Cubs who trimmed the highly-fancied Maumaus by 8-to-7 in the Junior League tussle.

In recording their fifth straight win yesterday, the Pandas gave one of their finest performances of the Ladies' League campaign. For the Wahoos it was a setback to their chance of becoming Champions again with an unbeaten record, an honour Terry Noronha and her colleagues have been trying to accomplish this season.

The 4-to-3 margin suggested a close battle and it was, the game being decided in the eighth inning. The Owls paid dearly for errors committed in the vital stages of the game which were hardly more than misjudgments. Had it not been for the brilliance of centre-fielder Chuchi Campos and pitcher Terry Noronha, the Pandas would have been behind by a greater margin.

Winning pitcher May Wu was primarily responsible for the latest Pandas' bid for the Pennant. This was her second appearance for the Pandas in the role of a winning hurler.

She played no small part in pacing the Pandas to a well-deserved triumph over Benita Remedios' Colleens a fortnight ago.

Yesterday, the crowd roared in appreciation of her well-timed and accurate fast balls and May Wu continued to win golden opinions with her skill on the mound.

It was also a great Sunday for the Pandas' infielders, particularly for Bonnie Cheng at third and Diane Tong at first, who took the honours with some smart play. This was a vital game for the Pandas, a win meaning an almost certain place in the final play-off among the top three in the Ladies' loop.

With the thought of keeping their record unblemished, there was a tenseness about the Wahoos' players which undoubtedly centred about the many landing and passing bases. While the Owls' fielders fumbled and threw more wild pitches than I have seen them do for weeks, the Pandas' handling was clean and almost sure.

There was also an air of urgency about the Pandas' play and there was great relief when the Chinese softballers wiped out the Wahoos' threat in the eighth.

There was no lack of excitement in the game. The Wahoos started well when Stella Correa came home on a wild pitch by Amy Cheng to Diane Tong to put the Wahoos ahead by 1-0.

The Pandas were not slow to take a chance in the second canto. An error on Terry Noronha's part enabled Sally Lee and Ida Pan to cross the plate for two lucky runs. The Wahoos never gave up trying and succeeded in tying up the game in the third frame for 2-1.

HECTIC TIME
After scoring two more runs in the eighth, the Pandas had a hectic time and came through the ordeal with great credit. In the last inning, the Wahoos had the initiative in some lively softball while the Pandas concentrated in holding their opponents down after Alex Mendoca came home on Irene Starkey's grounder to shortstop, to narrow the gap from 4-2 to 4-3.

With Irene Starkey at second and Darren Oozio at third, and two away, Terry Noronha was next batter up. The Pandas were somewhat lucky when Terry was tagged out at first to end the ball game.

The Wahoos' best work was done in the closing stages of the game. When the Owls threatened in the eighth to save the game, the Pandas appeared more and more rattled, but showed that they intended to finish the season among the leaders and all credit must go to them for throwing the Wahoos out of stride to win by the barest margin.

The Wahoos' batters were given little chance by pitcher May Wu who went the distance for the Pandas. Four hits were allowed the Wahoos with Stella Correa piling out a two-bagger singles by Stella Colloco and Nana Carvalho. Prominent Pandas' batters were Eugenia Kwok and Sally Lee.

The team:
Wahoos: Pitcher—Terry Noronha; Catcher—Nana Carvalho; 1st base—Darren Oozio; 2nd base—Bernadine Remedios; 3rd base—Stella Correa; Shortstop—Irene Starkey; Left-fielder—Alex Mendoca; Centre-fielder—Chuchi Campos; Right-fielder—Stella Colloco.

Pandas: Pitcher—May Wu; Catcher—Eugenia Kwok; 1st base—Diane Tong; 2nd base—Pearl Chan; 3rd base—Bonnie Cheng; Shortstop—Amy Cheng; Left-fielder—Ide Pan; Centre-fielder—Stella Pih; Right-fielder—Sally Lee.

33 ERRORS
Benita Remedios' Colleens hammered a shadow Chinese

Athletic Association side into submission to win by an overwhelming 27-9 score, the feature of which was the huge figure of 28 CAA errors committed by the fielders in the course of the game.

Best performer on the losing CAA side was pitcher Olive Yuen, who yielded only eight hits against winning pitcher Dolly Norman's eight.

The Chinese players were outclassed. Taken all round, the Colleens were not a class side. A better CAA team would have been all the better for it.

In the only Senior "B" game, Jimmy Herricks' Pandas trounced the Hongkong University by 21-3.

In the Junior League, fine pitching by A. Yee, aided by excellent fielding, gave the Cubs an upset win over the favoured Maumaus by 8-7. Losing pitcher Sonny Sequeira recorded six strikeouts.

SAINTS WIN
There was a lot of eyebrow raising when manager Jindoo Hussain named Sally Lee as the Saints' starting hurler against the USS Cockrell yesterday in the Senior "A" tilt but after his performance in the first two innings on the mound and his display at right-field for the rest of the game, there was no quibbling about his ability. He had not been overestimated. The Saints pulled through by 12-9 runs in a game which did not lack thrills.

The fact that the gobs could not score in the seventh when the Saints were in some danger of losing the game was due entirely to a paucity in finish and to solid defensive infield play by overworked Jindoo Hussain, Arturo Oozio and Penny Oman.

First-baseman Cannon of the Cockrell went a long way towards gaining recognition as top hitter yesterday by securing four hits in four times at bat.

For the Saints, Sherry Bucks got two and Jindoo Hussain one hit.

The Cockrell, on balance of play, should have won by a handful of runs, but for a most heart-breaking fourth inning when the Saints recovered magnificently to record seven runs. Despite this, there was always a threat that one of the callers' occasional breaks would do the trick, but the Saints fielders, displaying an almost nonchalant coolness, exterminated their side from a most serious situation in the seventh to put the game on ice.

In the hitting department, the Saints were outclassed. The sailors outlived them by 11 to three, chucking up five hits in the third.

Against a Saints' squad who are making a bid to regain their Pennant, it can be regarded as one of the sailors' best League performances to date. Should they reproduce the same form, they are favoured to beat South China in the return game.

LOSING STREAK BROKEN
The Warriors' losing streak was shattered yesterday when manager Alfredo Oliveira and his boys whipped the Rexes by 17 to 6 in a local Senior "A" Division game. The temperamental Rexes ballplayers played like a bunch of school-boys and the Warriors won almost without opposition.

The real significance of the game was the quality hitting of Johnny Pereira who registered two home runs, including a grand slam home run in the second. The other prominent Warriors' batter was Gogo

DIJURGARDENS WIN AGAIN

The Swedish soccer team Dijurgardens today overwhipped an all-Japan side by nine goals to one to complete their tour of Japan.

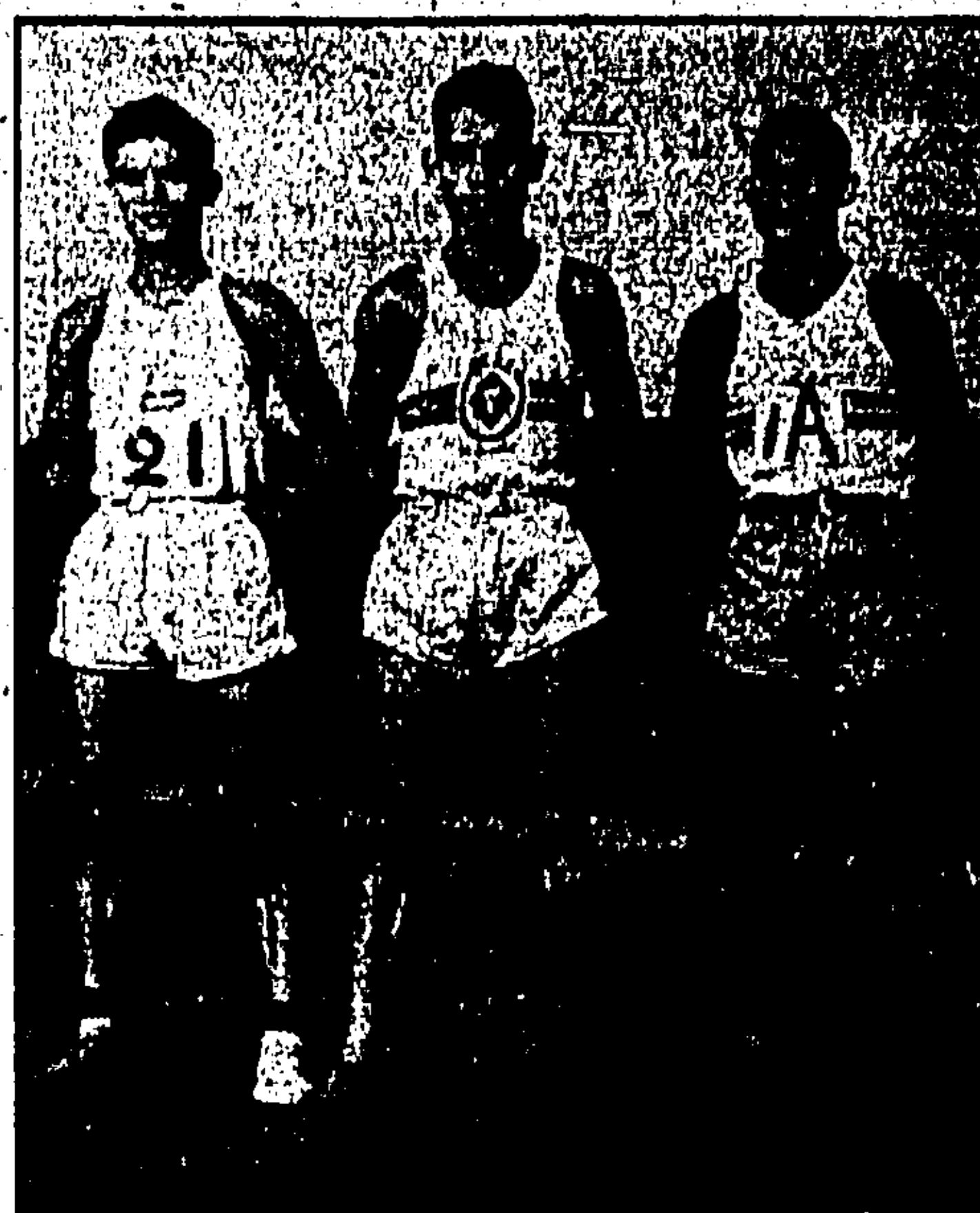
The Swedish team, which did not lose a match in Japan, scored three goals in the first half, two by Lennart Forsberg and one by Sven Johansson.

Forsberg netted another two in the second half, during which John Eriksson, Gösta Sandberg, Johansson and Hans Andersson each scored once.

More than 15,000 spectators saw the game at Tokyo's Meiji Stadium.

The Swedes leave for Hong Kong tomorrow.

FIRST THREE



Chan Kwan-lum (third), Lee Kam-hung (second) and Chan Kin-yin (the winner) in the HKAAA's 10-Mile Road Race yesterday.—China Mail Photo.

Only One Surprise Result In Saturday Afternoon's Rugger Matches

By "PAK LO"

Saturday afternoon's rugger brought only one surprise, and that was in a friendly at Soekunpo where the Gunners beat the Club by 12 points to 9. At Kai Tak, in the Pentagonal Tournament, the Police conceded a walk-over to the Army; when due to the large crowds going to the Air Display, three of their men had failed to turn up after a three-quarters of an hour wait for them.

The Army, though very loth to accept this offer, finally had to do so when it was found that the Police could not play another night. The game following was well won by the Navy by the score of 17 points to 8.

The Navy kicked off and were immediately attacked by the RAF, but were able to repulse them and gradually assumed the ascendancy, and were shortly probing deep into the Airmen's territory.

Deeper and deeper they went until it looked as if they must cross the line. However, Parker gathered the ball from the loose and with a strong kick sent the play back to midfield.

The Air Force followed up their clearance by attacking strongly and from a lovely passing movement the ball went through to Balderston who tore through and dived over with the ball near the corner. Davidson missed the conversion, and the Airmen led by three points to nil.

The Air Force followed this up by attacking again, but were caught on the wrong foot by Davis who, intercepting a pass, was only just caught and tackled by Milken.

Then followed a penalty against the RAF, but Smith failed in his kick. Again the Navy attacked and were more successful this time when Davis, with the exception of Balderston who played a very good game throughout.

GUNNERS WHACK CLUB
On the other side the Club team, with a couple of last minute changes, were whacked by the Gunners by 12 points to 9. The Gunners kicked off and were at once attacked by the Club, who were within three minutes given a penalty about ten yards inside the Gunners' half, and Craig placed the ball between the posts to open the scoring at 3-0.

The Gunners attacked in their turn. Horner looked very dangerous but was neatly tackled by Henderson. Then the Club, forcing the ball to the Gunners' half, were awarded a penalty, and finally on the 25-yard line but Craig just missed the chance to increase their lead. Again the Gunners attacked and their perseverance had its reward when Horner crossed the line and scored a beautiful run. Then, amazingly, the kick went awry and the score stood at 3-3.

The Club then again increased their lead when Turville, running well, kicked ahead and Ewart gathered and scored. Craig missed the kick so the score was 6-3.

The Gunners worked their way up the field and a very dangerous move was stopped by De Rome, whose tackling throughout was lower to behold. After some midfield play the Gunners were awarded a penalty on the Club's 25 yard line rather far out, but O'Kelly took the extra distance in his stride and with a nice kick levelled the score at 6-6.

Again the Gunners attacked and the Club were saved by the whistle. This first half was fairly even, but the Gunners were lacking much harder than the Club, who with the exception of Turville, De Rome and Henderson, were all lacking the man around the back, though some were as good as low as the waist.

There was an accident to Davidson and Wilkey, and as a result both had to leave the field for the rest of the game. The loss of Davidson made a big difference to the RAF, who were soon overwhelmed by the Navy. This was largely because the RAF tackling became high and weak.

Shortly after this setback to the RAF, Balderston from a passing movement took the ball over the line for the Navy to level the score at 8-8 as Smith missed the kick.

A little more midfield play, and the Navy were away again. This was Smith's try as he passed, and he crossed the line. Davis to gather and take across the line. Smith again missed, leaving the Navy three points ahead at 11 points to 8.

Again the Navy attacked and Balderston was sent over from a pass preceded by a rapid three-quarter movement. Craig attempted the long kick, but

failed, making it 14 points to 8 for the Navy.

Again and again the Navy attacked, and at last a neat drop by Smith brought the score to 17 points to 8, and it was in this state of affairs that the game ended.

Without question Smith was the outstanding man in the Navy team, and as the captain he set a fine spirited example to his side. The changes in the Navy team seem to have improved the three-quarters line, and of course they got more chances from the scrum than the RAF thanks to Owen's hard work.

The forwards were at times a little slow in following up, but tackled hard. For the RAF, Davidson was until his retirement the best player they had, and as his shoulder is dislocated it may be a little while before he regains the game and this could make a big difference to the RAF.

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South China AA Win The Norman Phillips Trophy

South China Athletic Association won the annual 10-mile Road Race for the Norman Phillips Trophy yesterday when their harriers placed first, second, fifth and sixth in a field of 48 starters.

As expected, Chan King-yin of the South China "A" team won the gruelling race, which was held in the vicinity of the King George V School in Kowloon. Chan's winning time of 62 mins 13.9 secs was some 10 per cent slower than the record of 56 mins 25 secs established by S/Sgt Peter West last year. Chan's team-mate Lee Kam-hung was second in 62 mins 41.8 secs.

Five Europeans finished among the first 10. Gunner R. J. Aden of 27 HAA Regt, an individual entry, was fourth in the good time of 64 mins 10.8 sec and was awarded the novices' second prize, this being his first participation in the road race.

An unattached runner, Chan Kwan-lum, who was third in 63 mins 17.1 secs, won the novices' first prize.

South China's victorious "A" team consisted of Chan King-yin, Lee Kam-hung, Fung Fung-kai and Chan Kin-hung, the latter two finishing fifth and sixth respectively.

NO RUNNERS-UP
The team runner-up prize was not awarded as none of the other four-man teams, South China "B", 72 LAA Regt, 7 RTR and 1 Bn Norfolk had all four men past the finishing line.

Sixteen years old Michael Hughes of the HKAA was a strong seventh in 69:33.2. British servicemen took the eighth, ninth and 10th places.

The favourite, Chan King-yin, led all the way and was never seriously challenged. He was

clocked in the first three laps at 14:34, 29:47.2 and 40:12. During the fourth and final lap he plodded steadily up the 300-yard steep incline to the finishing line in front of King George V School.

Other steady runners were Gunner Aden and Michael Hughes, who finished fourth and seventh respectively. Aden was third, third and second at the end of the first three laps and Hughes 10th, 10th and eighth.

Twelve competitors did not finish the race.

Police maintained order around the course and at check points.

After the race Mr P. Donohue, Chairman of the H.K. Amateur Athletic Association, in a brief speech before the prize-giving, congratulated the athletes on their fine performances. He also thanked the Director of Education, the Commissioner of Police, the Traffic Superintendent, Kowloon, and the Principal and the Sports Master of the King George V School for contributing to the success of the annual road race.

The Prizes were distributed by Mr A. L. Potter, Principal of the K.G.V. School, assisted by Mr J. Tingay, Secretary of the HKAAA.

THE PLACINGS

Following are the results of the road race:

1. Chan King-yin (SCAA), Time 62:13.9; 2. Lee Kam-hung (SCAA), 62:41.8; 3. Chan Kwan-lum (U), 63:17.1; 4. R. J. Aden (HAA Regt), 64:10.8; 5. Fung Fung-kai (SCAA), 64:33.2; 6. Michael Hughes (HKAA), 69:33.2; 7. 2/Lt Hudson (72 LAA Regt), 69:33.2; 8. Gnr Whitting (72 LAA Regt), 69:33.2; 9. Chan King-yin (SCAA), 69:33.2; 10. Wong Cheung-luen (SCAA), 69:33.2; 11. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 12. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 13. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 14. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 15. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 16. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 17. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 18. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 19. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 20. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 21. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 22. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 23. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 24. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 25. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 26. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 27. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 28. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 29. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 30. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 31. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 32. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 33. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 34. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 35. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 36. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 37. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 38. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 39. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 40. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 41. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 42. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 43. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 44. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 45. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 46. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 47. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2; 48. Wong Kam-hung (SCAA), 69:33.2.

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Britons Write 25m. Letters A Day

London, Nov. 29.
The average internal telegram in Great Britain costs the sender two shillings, but it costs the Post Office five shillings to transmit it. Mr. L. D. Gamman, the Assistant Postmaster-General, told Parliament when he reviewed the work of his Department.

Loss on the service had been growing year after year as traffic declined. It was five pence on every message in 1952 and 1/3d in 1953.
Since the war the number of letters and parcels posted in Britain has increased by 33 1/2 per cent, and has now reached a total of 9,000 millions—or 25 millions a day.
The six millionth telephone was installed in 1953, and the total number is now double what it was before the war, yet 383,000 people are still waiting for new telephones. Extraordinary technical improvements have taken place. Before World War One there could only be one conversation at a time on the line between London and Glasgow; now, a single pair of co-axial cables can transmit 600 telephone conversations at the same time and it is hoped to increase that to 900 in the near future.

In the past year the number of new television sets licensed has increased by nearly a million to reach a total of 2 1/2 millions. To track down unlicensed sets a new type of detectorgram has been developed which the Minister described as "a robot eye or Scotland Yard on wheels."
There are ten Post Office radio stations around the British coast providing ships at sea with bearings, weather reports, and telephone communication with the shore. They are also able to pick up distress signals, and this year have dealt with 223 such calls.
"One of the spectacular sides of this is a medical service provided for ships," Mr. Gamman said. "There have been 138 medical cases where ships have got into touch with the shore through the Post Office and been put in touch with a doctor. The other day, Land's End station received a message from the master of a foreign tanker saying that the wife of one of the crew was due to give birth to a baby and what should he do about it. He was put in touch, through the Post Office link, with a local doctor who gave instructions on the telephone. The last we heard was that mother and child were doing well."

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By Surface
Macao, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, 9 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Malaya, East Africa, Noon.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Macao, 8 p.m.

Rice For Crude Rubber

Tokyo, Nov. 30.
Italy recently proposed an exchange of rice and crude rubber on a 50:50 basis. Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry sources reported today.
Italy has a favourable trade balance of some \$2,000,000 with Japan, while the latter has a large deficit with member countries of the European Payments Union and is not in a position to import crude rubber from the sterling area or Indonesia.
That is why Italy is interested in getting Indonesian rubber valued at \$4,000,000 through the sterling area.
The sources reported the proposal as worthwhile because it would help to reduce Japan's unfavourable balance with the dollar—China Mail Special.

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Shipowners Appeal For Early Relief From Tax Burden

London, Nov. 29.

An appeal for early Government action to lighten the tax burden on British shipping has been made by Mr R. G. Grout, a director and secretary of the General Steam Navigation Company. Addressing the Institute of Transport, he underlined the dangers to Britain's economy from a decline in the size of the merchant navy, resulting from owners' inability to pay for replacements.

He asserted that the actual survival of the fleet in anything like its present form was very closely linked with the problem of replacement, "the paramount question in the minds of shipowners today."

To Be A Farmer's Wife

London, Nov. 29.

The farmer's wife is no ordinary woman. She has to cope with both home and farmyard. Usually she is selected with care from the daughters of neighbouring farmers for it is vital to the prospective bridegroom that she knows how to churn a satin-smooth ball of butter and to make golden mellow cheeses.

This makes rural wooing tough. Most men head off to the farm in the morning, leaving the wife to cope with the farmyard. But the farmer knows no ordinary housewife can suit him. He must marry a girl who can run a farmyard as well as a house.

Now Nottingham City and County Councils have come to the aid of the farmer who picks a city girl. To the curriculum of the Nottingham Agricultural Institute they have added a new course—training to be a farmer's wife.

From different parts of England, eight girls, one a city typist, have already gone to work on the Institute's 400-acre farm.

They will learn domestic science and rural housecraft, cooking and preserving home-grown foods, dairying, poultry-keeping, laundry work, bee-keeping, farmhouse gardening and book-keeping. The technique of gathering grain crops, potatoes, and sugar beet will be explained to them.

The prospective wives will graduate at the end of one year. Others will be waiting to take their places.—Express Service.

British Shipyards' Backlog

London, Nov. 29.

While order on the books are sufficient to keep British shipyards working for a long time ahead, the running down of the backlog has become more noticeable and gives no indication of an early change in course.

The current order book, according to the J.P.L. Thomas, first Lord of the Admiralty, is for 3.8 million tons, compared with the June, 1952 backlog peak of 7 million tons.

A number of factors have combined to produce this 17 per cent drop such as the satisfaction of the post-war urgent demands for ships, increasing new tonnage for replacement, and increased competition at British yards due to easier raw material supplies.—United Press.

Pointing to the decline in the proportion of British owned tonnage to world tonnage over the past fifty years from over one-half to about one-fifth he said that it was imperative that there should be no further reduction in the absolute size of the merchant navy, for if there were, the effect on the national economy could be little short of disastrous.

If this were to happen, the £150 million per year of invisible exports earned by shipping would dwindle away to nothing and be replaced by considerable payments to foreign owners to bring imports into Britain.

With taxation at its present level, he declared, shipowners are finding it impossible to set aside adequate funds to protect their future by providing for replacement vessels. Few, if any, other industries were faced with the absolute necessity of completely renewing such costly plant every 20 to 25 years.

After last week's criticism of the Treasury for the restrictions imposed on bank credits to foreign shipowners by Sir Frederick Reibbeck, Chairman of Harland and Wolff, comes the announcement in the House of Commons that Mr Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is considering the question.

Commercial banks are able to lend money to finance building—where more than £50,000 is involved—only if the consent of the Capital Issues Committee is obtained and on terms which this institution lays down.

BANKS WILLING

Sir Frederick stated in his speech that he knew the banks were ready and willing to give credit facilities, but they were unable to do so because of Treasury restrictions.

The problem is of great importance since although the UK yards have an order book worth around 500 million at current rates for about 900 vessels aggregating 5.75 million tons, the inflow of new orders this year is expected to be a post-war low level of 500,000 tons against a current launching rate of 1.25 million tons.

Meanwhile the shipbuilding employers have given a final refusal to the unions' demand for a 15 per cent wage increase. As a result, executives of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, who were awaiting the shipbuilding employers' decision, have decided by a majority vote to call a 24-hour national strike for December 29.

PREVIOUS PROPOSAL

This is the previous proposal of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. Others were that this strike should be combined with a ban on overtime and piece-work, or that an official Court of Enquiry be set up to examine the wage claim.

Leaders of the Confederation have stated that they expect all the 39 unions to instruct their members in shipbuilding and engineering to down tools on the appointed day. However, it appears doubtful whether there will be 100 per cent support. The two General Workers' Unions have already strongly objected to the plan. Other

Tax Reduction Hopes In Next Year's Budget Fading Fast

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 29.

Hopes of further tax reduction in next year's Budget are fading fast. At this early stage the most optimistic forecast that can be made is that at least no additional burdens will be imposed.

But since Mr Butler's last speech in the House of Commons there can be no certainty of even this. The Chancellor seemed to go out of his way to prepare the British public for Budget shocks.

He warned against too hopeful a view "just because we have reached a normal and satisfactory half year." Yet at this time last year when the state of the Budget was anything but normal and satisfactory, the Chancellor was in a far more cheerful state of mind than many people thought justified.

There wasn't long to wait, however, before the reason for Mr Butler's warning became clear. This week the supplementary estimate for the Ministry of Food, of which he had given advance notice, was published. And its size came as a shock.

The Ministry is seeking an additional £127 millions for the current Budget year, thus more than doubling the original estimate of £110 millions.

There are several reasons why the Ministry now finds itself in need of more money. It must make provision for its purchases of sugar to replenish national stocks prior to denationalisation. Moreover, as the Chancellor has already pointed out, the sale of the Ministry's stocks of cereals is proceeding more slowly than was originally forecast and the fall in world prices of cereals has led to unexpectedly large expenditure in supporting the domestic harvest.

But huge though the Ministry's supplementary estimate is, it isn't the only reason why the Chancellor chose this moment to warn the country not to expect "magic" reductions in either direct or indirect taxation. He pointed out that there was other expenditure that he would have to meet in regard to purchase tax and income tax concessions.

BETTER TURNOUT
The Budget, moreover, has benefited this year from various "non-recurring" factors. For one thing, a better mid-year turnout reflects in part the reduction in advances to local authorities by the Public Works Loans Board. A good deal of new capital expenditure by local authorities has now been financed by loans raised in the London market, thus relieving part of the taxpayer's burden.

But more important from the Chancellor's point of view, is the increase in expenditure that he will have to face next year. Despite the recent easing of the international tension, defence is expected to cost more. Even if the gross bill is no higher however, the net cost of defence will rise because portion of the total cost, offset by American aid will be smaller than in the current year.

Even assuming that the cost of social services can be held at its present level, the Chancellor will, therefore, have very little scope for further lightening of the tax burden.

VARIETY OF FACTORS

This year's concessions were made possible by a variety of factors. For example, Mr Butler could count on revenue coming for the first time from his excess profits levy at the same time as the Exchequer was beginning to reap the full benefit of the abolition of full corporation allowances. But next year there will be no large additional revenue while allowance must be made for the effect of tax reductions in the last Budget.

Modern budget-making, however, isn't simply a question of balancing the national accounts. Consideration must also be given to a part that the Budget plays in determining the day-to-day economic fortunes of the country.

IMPORTANT BEARING
On Budget Day the Chancellor has it in his power to manipulate taxes in such a way as to reduce or stimulate demand at home. And this obviously has an important bearing on that portion of the national production that is left free for export.

This aspect of the Budget will present one of the Chancellor's most difficult problems. Mr Butler has already indicated that home consumption by absorbing most of the recent increase in production, has been hampering the nation's efforts to sell more abroad.

If he decides that this constitutes a threat to the nation's balance of payments, the Chancellor will have to consider alternative ways to take strong action to restrict home consumption to a level consistent with a thriving export trade.

Industrial Boom In Scotland

New York, Nov. 29.

Scotland, having reversed its migratory tides for the first time in 300 years, is now the theatre of an industrial boom which, if anything, should experience further growth next year, rather than recession.

This was the consensus at a gala luncheon sponsored by the U.S. Committee of the Scottish Council (Development and Industry) at the Waldorf-Astoria recently, in honour of Lord Bilsland of Kintara, president of the Council and chairman of its executive committee, who is now having a four-week tour in the United States of America.

Describing his country's post-war development as "without parallel," Lord Bilsland said it offers as hospitable and advantageous an investment climate as American business can find anywhere, and in this he is seconded by three top executives of U.S. business machine companies. They were Stanley C. Allen, president of the National Cash Register Co.; John C. Coleman, president of Burroughs Adding Machine Co.; and Thomas J. Watson, chairman of the Board of International Business Machines.

Alexander Brackenridge, chairman of the U.S. Committee, presided.

EXHIBITION

The degree preparatory to the Scottish Industries Exhibition, to be held next September 2-10 in Glasgow. Many of the several hundred American businessmen attending it had participated in some degree in the rapid expansion of the Scottish industry since the last exhibition was held over four years ago.

During that period over 500 new factories or major factory expansions have been completed. Scotland no longer depends on its heavy industries, such as textiles, linoleum, shipbuilding, weapons, and whisky to the extent she did in the past. Her newer industries embrace aluminium castings, typewriters, accounting machines and business machines generally, refrigerators, laundry machines, heating and ventilation units, watches and clocks—all of which will be exhibited in the fair.

MOST IMPORTANT

Lord Bilsland described the expansion of light industry as the most important post-war development in Scotland. Mr Allen said that early in 1954 his company will begin manufacturing at its Dundee plant the latest of its accountancy machines, an operation of considerable complexity, the export of which adds several million dollars a year to the British economy.

Both Mr Coleman and Mr Allen spoke highly of Scottish labour and of the favourable conditions under which their plants in Scotland were operating, including British policy towards remittance of profits and investment capital.

Lord Bilsland also stressed this factor and added the following advantages regarding plant location in Scotland: (1) Availability of skilled labour and the responsibility of union leaders; (2) standard plant rentals of 2 1/2 per square foot; (3) low production cost; (4) access to raw material and (5) transportation facilities by sea, air, rail and highway.—United Press.

Anglo-Japanese Trade Talks

London, Nov. 29.

Treasury officials said today the Anglo-Japanese trade and payments negotiations would start here on December 3. They said officials from the Treasury, Board of Trade, Bank of England and Commonwealth Relations Office would participate in the talks with a delegation from Japan due to arrive here on Monday.

It is understood that the talks will last about three weeks and will be conducted under three main headings:

1.—The removal or revision of the existing trade and payments agreements which are to be replaced by the new trade and payments agreement.
2.—Revision of regulations limiting Japanese imports into Commonwealth countries.
3.—Japan's proposals for settling trade and payments.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$782,287. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions—

BANKS		INDUSTRIALS	
HSBC	1570	HSBC	1570
Bank of China	800	Bank of China	800
Bank of Communications	200	Bank of Communications	200
Bank of East Asia	200	Bank of East Asia	200
Bank of India	200	Bank of India	200
Bank of Japan	200	Bank of Japan	200
Bank of Korea	200	Bank of Korea	200
Bank of London	200	Bank of London	200
Bank of Mexico	200	Bank of Mexico	200
Bank of New York	200	Bank of New York	200
Bank of Paris	200	Bank of Paris	200
Bank of Rome	200	Bank of Rome	200
Bank of San Francisco	200	Bank of San Francisco	200
Bank of Shanghai	200	Bank of Shanghai	200
Bank of Singapore	200	Bank of Singapore	200
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Bank of Sweden	200	Bank of Sweden	200
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Bank of the Netherlands	200	Bank of the Netherlands	200
Bank of the Philippines	200	Bank of the Philippines	200
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Delayed Army Mail Arrives

1,000 Letters Are Delivered Today

The first batch of 1,000 Army mail letters to Hong-kong addressees, which had been seriously delayed at Singapore, arrived today in the Colony and immediately delivered. It was officially announced this morning.

The Army Public Relations Officer today issued the following official statement:—

"Some 100,000 letters, the contents of 50 Army Postal mailbags, which were seriously delayed over a period of months, have now been despatched, by priority Air Mail, to addressees. The first batch of such delayed letters, to Hongkong addressees, and totalling 1,000, reached the Colony today and were immediately delivered.

"These 1,000 letters date back to April or May of this year. The majority are from the United Kingdom for personnel on troopships, in addition to letters for individuals of various units in Hongkong.

"Each delayed letter has a label attached to the reverse, which states: 'It is regretted that this letter has been delayed about...'. When the delayed mail was located, immediate steps were taken by the War Office to deal with the situation. All relevant commands were informed by signal, expressing official regret that a quantity of mail posted on board HM troopships had been seriously delayed at Singapore. The Office that the matter was under investigation and that a Court of Inquiry had been ordered. A quantity of this mail for personnel in the command would be forwarded by Air Mail as soon as possible.

COURT OF INQUIRY

"The following official announcement was then issued to all concerned, with a request that it should be given the widest publicity in Press and Broadcast: 'The War Office announces that a quantity of mail posted on board Her Majesty's troop transports putting in at Singapore, and mail intended for personnel on board, has been seriously delayed at Singapore. The matter is being investigated by GHQ Far East Land Forces and a Court of Inquiry has been ordered. The mail is now being sent on to the addressees, with an expression of regret for the delay. The War Office much regrets any inconvenience and anxiety that may have been caused.'

"Although the matter is the subject of an official investigation, it is confirmed that 50 mailbags, containing some 100,000 letters and papers, were recovered from among the foundations of the Embankment Headquarters in Singapore Port Area. Approximately 85% of the contents of the mailbags were letters handed in for despatch from troopships calling at Singapore. Some of the letters originated from as early as April or May, but the bulk is from the end of May to mid-October.

"Lt-Colonel W. R. Wilson, Assistant Director of Army Postal Services, The War Office, has arrived in Singapore to investigate the administrative and disciplinary aspects in the delay of the 50 bags of mail."

Bank Chief To Visit HK

Word has been received by the Management of The National City Bank of New York that Mr. Howard C. Shepard, Chairman of the Bank's Board of Directors, plans to visit Hongkong in early May of next year.

Accompanied by Mrs. Shepard, Mr. Shepard will spend approximately one month in Japan and the Philippines before arriving in the Colony.

He also plans to visit Taiwan where the Bank maintains close and cordial relationships with Government and business circles.

This will be the first trip made to the Far East by the Chairman of a leading American bank since World War II.

Start Of Royal Tour



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh stand at the door of their Stratocruiser at London Airport just before taking off on the first leg of their Commonwealth tour.—Daily Express Photo.

Forces Entertainers Arrive

"Accent on Laughter" a five-member show, especially arranged for the entertainment of the Forces overseas, arrived here from Japan by BOAC this morning for a series of performances.

During their week-stay in the Colony, the troupe, comprising three men and two women, will give 12 performances for Service audiences at Stanley, Kowloon and the New Territories. Individually, the party consists of Vic Gordon and Peter Colville, comedy stars from the show "Piccadilly Hayride"; Stella Moray, comedy star from "Brigadoon"; and Ann and Bobbie Black (husband and wife team) noted for their Scottish songs and music acts.

Vic Gordon, spokesman for the group, said they were in Japan and Korea for over a month and gave more than 50 performances to Commonwealth Forces and American troops. "We played also in four hospitals and one hospital where the shows were enthusiastically received," the speaker said. Stella Moray who does light comedy acts is no newcomer here. In 1946 when a member of the ATS she played at the Star Theatre in Kowloon taking the lead in "Battledress". From here the party will return to United Kingdom where they will have pantomime engagements.

Sudan Elections

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fully prepared, or that the Sudan's finances are bankrupt.

"Thus the tragedy which happened in Khartoum would be repeated in the Sudan."

President Nguib, who was giving his reaction to the Sudanese elections to reporters here, added: "All these considerations must be remembered by the Sudanese, and they must be on their guard and work for strengthening their unity, to destroy the imperialists' lies."

With the Sudanese elections ending in a victory for the pro-Egyptian Sudanese National Unionist Party, Egyptian political commentators forecast an early resumption of Anglo-Egyptian talks for a settlement of the future of the Suez Canal.

They were agreed that the Unionist's victory had strengthened General Nguib's hands in domestic and foreign affairs.—Reuter.

'What's His Line?' Solution SHOP-FITTER
London Express Service.

Alleged Murder SHOESHINE BOY'S EVIDENCE

Mui Wong-por, a shoeshine boy, told Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, and a Jury at Criminal Sessions this morning how he saw a friend of his, Chan Kau, slay another man twice with a bread-knife, during a fight outside the Sun Wah Theatre, Mongkok, on July 23 this year.

The stabbed man, Chan Fook, an employee of the Royal Naval Dockyard, subsequently died, and Chan Kau, alias Chan Kai, aged 25, is arraigned on a charge of murder. The shoeshine boy said he had known Chan Kau for some time, and in the fight which he witnessed the accused was the only man wearing a white shirt. He saw him stab the deceased twice with a bread-knife which he snatched from a nearby bread stall.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, with Det.-Insp. J. Hadden present for the Police. Mr. Loo Wing-kan is the Defence Counsel, instructed by Mr. F. H. Kwok.

THREW KNIFE AWAY
Mui Wong-por told the Court that after the fight the accused ran away down Sai Yung Choy street, and threw away the knife as he ran. He ran down a side-street and the witness did not see him after that. Mui said he then ran away himself as he was frightened.

He said he had known Chan Kau for some months, and had been originally introduced to him by another boot-black, Chan Kai. He said he did not know Chan Kau as Chan Kau, alias, The accused friend often visit him at his shoeshining place and would sit with him. The two would sometimes play and go for walks together, and became friends.

Mui said that on July 23 he had been to Diamond Hill and had mistakenly caught the wrong bus back to his pitch in Prince Edward Road. He was going to walk back from Argyle Street through Sai Yung Choy Street when he saw the fight. He denied that he had not had a good view of the fight, saying that he stood sometimes on the pavement and sometimes in the road where the fight was taking place.

There were three or four men fighting and one of them had something wrapped in paper in his hand. The accused had a knife, but none of the others was similarly armed.

The case is proceeding.

Favourable Poll

Singapore, Nov. 30. The Singapore Free Press after a public opinion poll said local men welcomed the Government's plan to introduce compulsory call-up for part-time defence training.

The general view by Chinese and Malays was "We must not again be caught like in 1941."—Reuter.

King Case: Defence Counsel Makes Further New Submissions

A submission that if Counsel for the Prosecution failed to show that he, Counsel for the Defence, had waived his right to take advantage of irregularities disclosed in the proceedings whereby there was no sworn information, he was entitled to say non-suit the proceedings and discharge defendant, was made by Mr Marcus da Silva, when the case against James Joseph Osbourne King, a former director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd., of Union Building, who is charged with fraudulent conversion continued before Mr Poon Yan-hoi in the Supreme Court building this morning.

Defence Counsel said that these irregularities entitled the defendant to insist upon them as one of the statutory requirements for his trial before the Court.

King, merchant, of 20 Braga Circuit, is charged before Mr Poon Yan-hoi with having taken A£400 (HK\$305.04) for the use of his wife, Margaret, in November, 1950 whilst a Director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd., of Union Building.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford are both for the prosecution, instructed by Hastings and Co.

When hearing commenced this morning, Mr Silva said that in order to make the position clear he would ask his learned friend whether he held authority in writing of Falconer's Ltd to appear for Falconer's Ltd in the present prosecution.

Mr d'Almada said that in this case he and Mr Clifford had been instructed by Messrs Hastings and Company on behalf of Falconer's. At the moment, he had no document showing in writing that he had been instructed by Falconer's. He anticipated the possibility that his learned friend might raise the point that instructions of this kind from a limited company must be under seal and by a resolution of the Board. He did not of course admit that that was necessary, but in view of that possibility and because originally no such resolution was passed, such a resolution had since been passed and evidence of that was led before the Court.

It was Counsel's case, if indeed any such resolution was necessary, and/or if a seal was necessary, that this passing of the resolution ratified the original instructions and therefore regularised these proceedings as from their inception.

Mr Silva said that he took it that when his learned friend said "as from their inception" he meant October 17, 1952, when the matter first came before a magistrate.

Mr d'Almada said that the proceedings were covered from even before October 18, 1952 (the date of arrest of defendant).

ORIGINAL POINT
Counsel for the Defence said that since at least it was clear that his learned friends asserted that Falconer's were the private prosecutors in the present case, that Hastings were the instructing solicitors and that Mr d'Almada and Mr Clifford today purported to appear for Falconer's, Mr Silva said he would proceed with the original point raised by him after this declaration by Mr d'Almada at the last hearing.

Mr Silva said that before he dealt with the point, substantially he should like to make the comment that through no fault of his learned friends, they had been misled, the Court and he, Counsel for the Defence, had also been misled into thinking that this was a Crown Prosecution.

As he understood, Mr d'Almada's explanation, this misunderstanding arose by way of instructions from the instructing solicitors and Mr d'Almada in making his explanation to the Court referred to two letters—one from the Commissioner of Police and the other a letter Messrs Hastings had written to the Commissioner.

Mr Silva proceeded to read copy of the letter sent by Hastings to the Commissioner of Police, as follows:

"Re Rex versus J. J. King. 'We are instructed by our clients, George Falconer and Co., Ltd., to apply for permission for the above case to be conducted by private prosecution. Mr d'Almada and Mr Clifford have been instructed.'

TWO WORDS

Mr Silva in drawing attention of the Court to two words, "private prosecution" said that the extraordinary part of the misleading instructions, given to his learned friends, that they could say there was no evidence, was that the Crown was the private prosecution, as per their letter he had just read.

"That being the case I must in fairness to the defendant comment thus," Mr Silva went on.

"How could these solicitors permit, at one stage almost day after day, Seymour to give evidence on oath, the extraordinary explanation of the now proven lying buffer to the accusation of malice?"

"How could they permit Seymour under oath to say that this is not a private prosecution, but the Crown prosecution?"

"SWAN SONG"

Mr Silva alleged that that had been Seymour's swan song throughout his cross-examination by Defence Counsel.

Counsel said that supposing the Court had ruled that he (Mr Silva) was not entitled to cross-examine the witness as far as the case and the Court were concerned, justice would have been denied to the defendant.

If the answer to Seymour's evidence under oath was that Seymour had also been misled at the same time it must be remembered that Seymour instructed the writing of that solicitors' letter, referring to a private prosecution.

Mr Silva said that he interrupted to say that if the suggestion was that Seymour actually dictated the words of that letter, he would say there was no evidence of that at all, and his learned friend knew that when instructions were given to solicitors they were left with the choice of words and language in the manner of any correspondence they undertook on behalf of their clients.

Just as his learned friend had said there was no evidence that Seymour was not misled into thinking this was a Crown prosecution, so equally was there no evidence the other way about, Mr d'Almada said.

He should have thought that what he had said at the last hearing must have been clear. It was abundantly clear that there was a misunderstanding whether or not this was a Crown prosecution. Had the position been otherwise of course it would have been corrected either in the course of Seymour's evidence through him or by some other means.

BURDEN OF MISTAKE

Mr Silva, in reply, said that when he referred to the fact that on this point Seymour had led no evidence at all, he was perfectly justified in doing so, because he was not responsible for that mistake. The burden of the mistake was theirs entirely and it was an extraordinary position that carrying the burden of that mistake they could say there was no evidence that Seymour dictated the terms of that letter; he did not suggest that. He suggested that Seymour must have instructed Hastings to write that letter seeking permission for a private prosecution.

Counsel said he could imagine that that firm of solicitors would do that without instructions and they had in evidence that the director of Falconer's in Hongkong during the material time was Seymour; the other director, Ipeidjian, being away. The clear evidence, he submitted, was that unless the Court believed that the firm of solicitors would write a responsible letter to the Commissioner of Police without instructions, it must believe that those instructions were given by the only director of Falconer's at that time in Hongkong.

"That being the case," Mr Silva went on, "the extraordinary query arises: Seymour having instructed Hastings to write such a letter knowing it was a private prosecution, how dare he in the witness box under oath say it was a Crown prosecution?"

He did not intend to sit down tamely to the position that had arisen where his client's liberty was at stake.

TRAGICALLY SERIOUS

He continued: "If this matter was not fraught with so tragically serious import to Jimmy King then I would say this case is a comedy of errors which should be laughed out of Court, and as I hope in due course it will be laughed out of Court."

In his submission, he would show the Court further how the prosecution was now so hopelessly entangled in their errors that the Court had no alternative but to non-suit the proceedings and to discharge Jimmy King.

In this regard when it had become clear as it was clear to Counsel that this case should not proceed a day longer, he (Mr Silva) would ask for his Worship's ruling upon the preliminary point which was clear on the authorities.

Continuing, Mr Silva said that the first point which he would want to make was this: the irregularities disclosed in these proceedings, whereby there was no sworn information, was one which defendant was entitled to insist upon as one of the statutory requirements for his trial before a Court.

After quoting a case, Mr Silva said that the liberty of Jimmy King was the liberty affected in the case, and he was the person to insist upon the strictest form of law and he was the only person who could waive any irregular non-conformance of form. Counsel said he insisted upon defendant's behalf the strictest form of law and claimed benefit of irregularities for a non-suit.

Unless and until his learned friend said that there had been a waiver of any irregularity he (Counsel for the Defence) would not deal with this point in greater detail other than point to one case authority, which he proceeded to quote.

Counsel said that he did not know how, in the extraordinary circumstance of the case where-

by the Defence had been misled, his learned friend was going to say that Mr Silva was fully aware of the facts, fully cognizant of his rights and had waived his irregularity.

"So therefore the present position is this: it is up to my learned friend to show that I had waived my right to take advantage of this irregularity. If he fails to do so I am entitled to insist upon it, and say non-suit and King's discharge," Mr Silva said.

Hearing is continuing.

Woman Beaten Up In Kowloon

A 29-year-old woman, Chan Mai-how, received serious head injuries when she was beaten up by an aged woman with a piece of firewood in Nathan Road, Yau-mai, at about 12.20 p.m. today.

The alleged attacker kept repeating, "She deserved it! She deserved it!" She was later taken to the Police Station for enquiry.

Chan, who was standing helplessly with a large piece of skin off her forehead, was rushed to Kowloon Hospital.

Lady Grantham At DGS

Lady Grantham accompanied by the Hon. D.J.S. Crozier, Director of Education, visited the Bloccan Girls' School this morning.

Arriving there at 10.30 a.m. Lady Grantham was met by Mrs C. J. Symons, headmistress of the school.

The party walked through the building, visiting the classrooms and Lady Grantham commented on how studious the girls looked.

After the tour of the school, tea was served.

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Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Half Hour presented by Betty Ann (Studio); 6.15, The Village We Will Go (Studio); 6.30, Weather Report; 6.45, The Sixth Edinburgh International Festival; 7.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 7.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 7.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 7.45, The Scottish Junior Singers; 8.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 8.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 8.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 8.45, The Scottish Junior Singers; 9.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 9.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 9.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 9.45, The Scottish Junior Singers; 10.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 10.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 10.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 10.45, The Scottish Junior Singers; 11.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 11.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 11.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 11.45, The Scottish Junior Singers; 12.00, The Scottish Junior Singers; 12.15, The Scottish Junior Singers; 12.30, The Scottish Junior Singers; 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